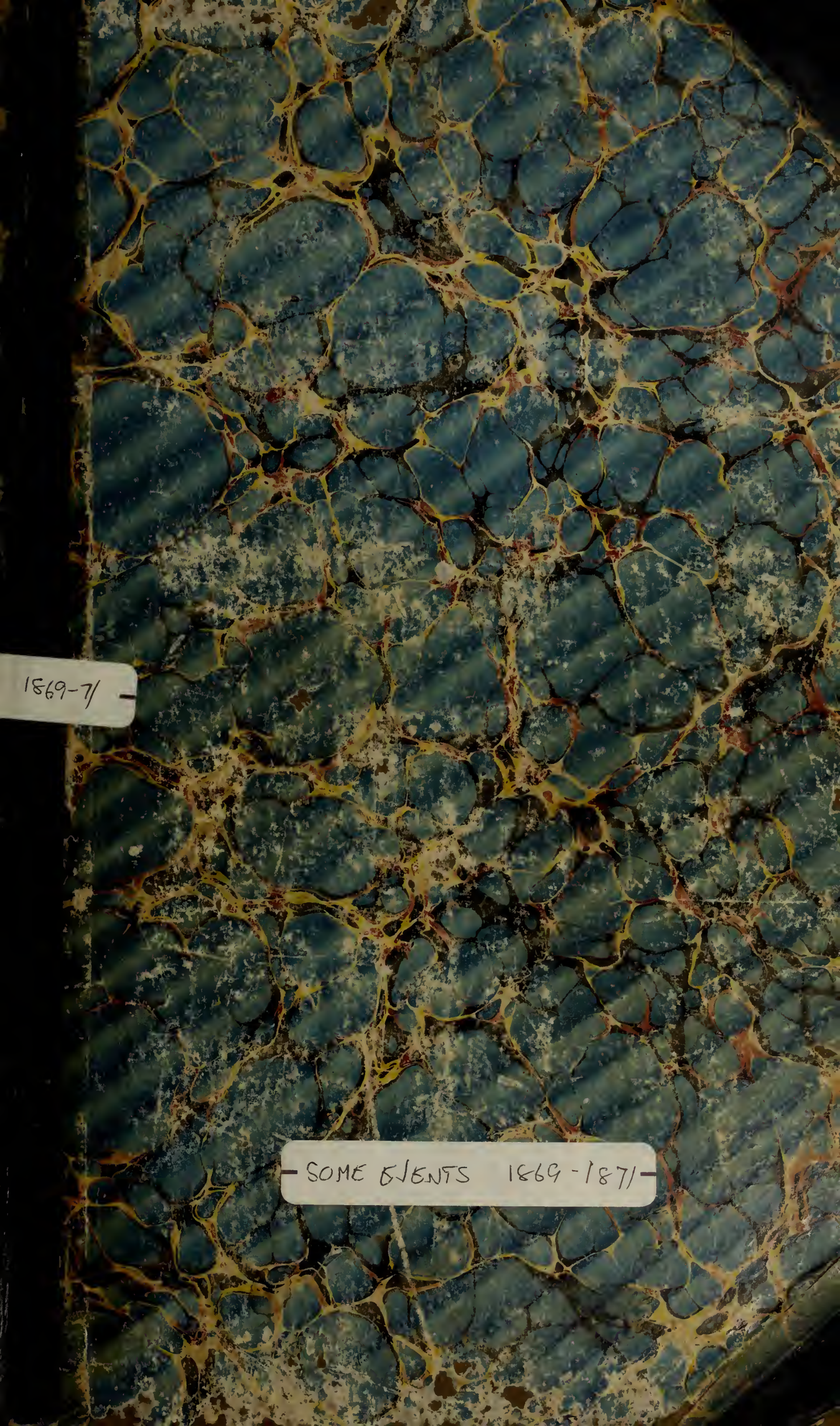
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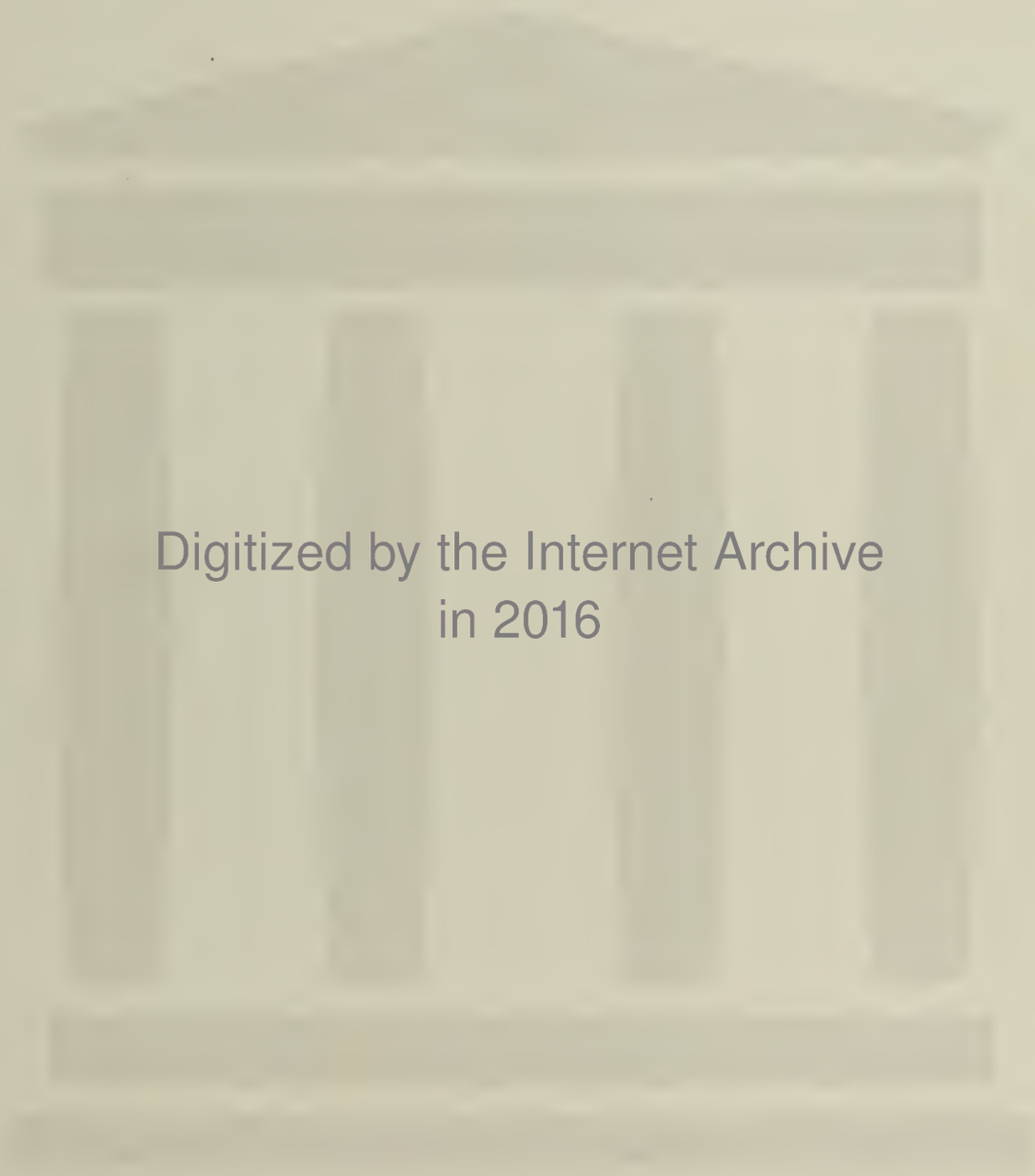

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Sunday April 18. 1869.

200

Lord's Day:

Sunday School full as usual.

Walpole. The Walpole Minister – Rev. W. B. Smith – still remaining ill, the pastor preached there & did not return till a few minutes after the School began.

General – Review & Prayer, Inspiration, Infallibility

Lesson – Bible & Revelation.

New hymn. 845. "On thee each morning, O my God":
adapted to a Barcarole from Verdi's "Sicilian Vespers."

Record. A new record book in use.

201

Regular Service at 1 3/4.

Bible. 1 Cors. 3d chapter.

Hymns. 247 - 376 - 5. Religious awakening.

Sermon. By the Pastor. on Roms. 5: 1 & 2. "Therefore being justified by faith." &c. The discourse was prepared with some personal reference & the text was one of personal interest to the preacher. Having access into "this grace" – i.e. Christianity, we have Spiritual Privileges = 1. Justification by Faith. 2. Peace with God. 3. Hope in Glory of God. Faith is the great instrumentality whereby we are made not by imputation – just or righteous. Man needs Peace with God, not without him & has it through sympathy with God's life. & despite present sin, finally we shall attain that Spiritual Condition where God will glorify us or be satisfied with us.

Extempore. For a few Sunday Mr. Wiggin has not employed his usual skeleton in preaching, though the sermons have been carefully written.

202

Conference at 7.

Conducted by Mr. Henry Richardson.

Bellingham. Pastor made a missionary trip to Bellingham in the eve. preaching in the Town Hall – which was well filled.

Sunday: Apr 25 1869.

Exchange with Rev. Mr Westcott of Lexington.

203

School much thinner than usual.
Mr. Westcott returned from Walpole in time to speak to the school of the Mission we all have with Christ. & to talk with the Bible class concerning "Gates Ajar".
Mrs. Wiggin addressed the school

204

Sermon. Mr. Westcott's sermon was on "Heroism". "Launch out into the Deep". Luke 5: 4.
Heroism rather than Caution needed for success in any undertaking.

205.

Conference. Mr. Westcott spoke of the Prodigal Son - & the meeting was very lively & spirited, lasting longer than the rule.

Mr. Wiggin preached a. m. & eve. in Lexington - heard the Bible Cl. & conducted the School, & in the P. M. preached in Bedford & spoke to the School.

Sunday: May 2 1869.

206

School 32 present.
Heavy Storm. North East.
Pastor returned from Walpole in time to give an account of his visit last Sunday to the Schools in Lexington & Bedford.

207

Informal Meeting.

The Communion for 6 o'clock being set aside. the Sermon prepared for the P. M. became inappropriate; & the pastor accordingly did not enter the pulpit, but had a more informal meeting. He spoke on Hebs. 10:31. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." We are always in God's hands. & it is blessed to be there. Even in the sense of the text, when remorse & hell get hold upon us, it is still the best & blessed thing for us.

Mr. Baleh read some fine verses; & spoke of the prominence we give to God's love.

In reply to Bro. Geo Kingsbury, the pastor gave his interpretation of Matt. 25 & Last. "Everlasting Punishment." Life & Death Eternal are present. "This is &c. to know thee" &c They continue. We go into them, but are not locked therein. An endless band is sometimes attached to the Machine & sometimes not

Sunday May 9 1869

208.

School Bell.
Book. "Three Little Spades".
Speeches. Mrs. Ebnan Mason spoke briefly.
Rev. Wm Brown of Sherborn here on exchange -
Pastor absent in Sherborn.

209

Sermon. Rev. Wm Brown preached on, "If this be of Men - it will come to naught" &c.
The truth of Christianity its ground of stability.
Collection. In accordance with the vote of the Norfolk Conference; the sum assessed, $25.00 was Collected for the Sunday School Society (Unitarian) $2.65 additional goes towards our share of the Conference expenses.

210

Conference conducted by the Pastor.
Theme - The Norfolk Conference at Sherborn. Framingham.
Speakers - Mr. Balch, twice; Dr. Richardson, twice; Henry Richardson, twice; Rev. Mr. Brown - thrice.
A very pleasant meeting & no time lost.

Sunday May 16. 69.

Whitsunday.

211

Quite full was the School.
Supt Hartshorn away attending a funeral.
New Books. Kingsley's "2 years ago". & Arthur's "All for the best."
Former tunes rehearsed.
Gen. lesson. Pastor returned from Walpole in time for a lesson on "Predestination & Free Will."
Class. The girls in the Whitsunday class recited poetry on Spring & Flowers. &c. All prepared.

212

Whitsunday Vespers. at 1 3/4.

1. Music & Sentences. 2. Anthem.
3. Poem: "Wilt Thou not visit me." by J. Very.
4. Hymn 302. "O Thou whose power".
5. Prayer. 6. Response. 6. "Carmina Altera."
7. Old Testament. Joel 2:18: thro. 8. Anthem.
9. New " Acts 2:14-21.
10. Hymn 296 "Come Gracious Spirit from above".
Sermon: 11. Acts 2:17. "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh". Joel. 2. also.
Restrictions of the Holy Ghost. Periodical. National. Sectarian. Sacerdotal. Biblical Personal. Really unlimited save by Capacity.
12. ~~Notices 12~~. Prayer. 13. Response.
14. Lord's Prayer Chanted. 15 Notices.
16. Hymn: "Gently Lord O gently lead us."
17. Benediction & organ.

Flowers. in profusion as befits the day. & these many of them sent to Mrs. Clarke for the private Communion there at 5 o'clk.

There were no baptisms.
Church quite full & many strangers.

Sunday May 23. 1869.

213.

School. 116.

Book - "Marco Paul in Boston." Abbot.

General Lesson. God - Unity &c.

Story - 3 Centuries ago a highwayman could find refuge in a Club, but a Bible reader could be arrested even there.

214

Bible. Eph. 5:1-17.

Hymns. 180 - 310 - 209. Knowledge of Truth.

Sermon. Eph. 5:10. "Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord."

True Orthodoxy or Right Thinking:
What is meant by "orthodoxy" among us.
History of the word.
False standards - leaders, creeds, church, dogma, somebody's interpretation of Bible.
True standard: 1. true to Conviction. 2. Convictions justly attained. 3. Progressively held: 4. Agreement with God.
Orthodoxy Personal & Relative; not Absolute. but proximate.

Allens. The Allens from Newton in full force. Always pleasant to see them here.

215

Conference 6 to 7. Conducted by ~~Nathaniel~~ Jos Addison Allen of Medfield at present. Quite interesting.

Walpole. Pastor preached in Walpole in the a.m.

Sunday May 30. 1869.

216

School full.

Speech. In absence of Mr. Hartshorn, Dr. Richardson presided & made a fine address.

Book. "Cast away in the Cold". Dr. Hayes.

New Music. Jackson's "Te Deum" in F. begun.

Story. True – of a boy found in a Crate who later became Governor of a State & kept his pledges, profanity, liquor, tobacco, & not to meddle with politics. (?)

Reports. Pastor told us of the Children's Aunts.

217

Regular Service.

Bible. Part of Acts 14. last 9 verses.

Hymns 32 - 870 - 254.

Sermon. Acts 14:27. "When they had called the church together, they rehearsed" &c
A review of the Boston Anniversaries. which with glorious exceptions were dull. though the weather was unusually pleasant. The Festival was full of wit & the Thurs. Convn delightful. Unitarian Assn has done good work in the year. The Union for Ministerial help claims public regard. & is new! Among outside things, the Shakers were very attractive. Also a fine speech from Mrs. Livermore of Chicago on Woman's position. The abiding thought this, the importance to us of the Personal Christ.

No Conference on account of rain.

Walpole. Pastor preached in Walpole in the a. m.

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218

Sunday June 6 1869.

School - thin.

Poem. Mrs. Geo. Morse read again her last Sunday's poem.

Te Deum - Rehearsed. 2d time.

Book. Hawthorne's "Our Old Home".

Story. Pastor told the story of "Whipping Boy" kept by Princes for Vicarious flogging. To scold those present for absentees would be acting on that principle. / Not original this / J.H.W.

219

Regular Service. Full.

Bible. John 17: 1-15.

Hymns 128 - 379 - 642. & 608.

Sermon. 1 Cor. 11: 29. "Eating & Drinking Damnation or Condemnation."

The unworthiness not in the Ceremony nor Ritual Preparation nor Doctrines nor Past moral Life. nor Neighbors, but in our disposition in the act of Communion itself. Indifference & Selfishness - even Spiritual selfishness, are unworthy.

Club Union. 2 young men, Willie Richardson & Albert Stone were received into the Club of Xt with ~~appropriate words~~ & the right hand of fellowship. Books presented.

Strangers present.

220

Communion at 6.

Sermon Remks on "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father". Christ's place in the world.

Mrs. Aug. Clarke present & remembered in prayer.

Bible. John 14: 1-15.

Hymns. 855. - 641 (divided) & 60.

Walpole. Pastor preached in W. & had the Communion there.

Sunday June 13. 1869.

221

School. well attended. 12½ o'clk

Speeches. Mr. A. C. Nickerson of the Boston school for the ministry told stories in illustration of obedience & humility.

Miss Eliz. Richardson spoke on the importance of Imagination in teaching, as shown by Jesus in the parables & on Encouragement for Teachers. Lessons Omitted.

Music. Practice on the "Te Deum".

New books. "Mares Paul in Vermont" & "Soldier Capt".

General Lesson. On God & Jesus Christ. Vide Articles 1 & 2 in Statement of Belief printed.

222

Regular Service.

Mourning The family of the late Col. Allen attended Chh.

Bible. John 4: 1-16. Read by Bro. Nickerson. Ditto hymns.

Hymns. 112 - 526 - 582. Immortality.

Sermon. John 17:3. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God & Jesus Xt whom thou hast sent."

What did Jesus mean by Eternal Life = not Immortality, not Future Happiness - but virtue, acquaintance with God &c. in the soul. Proved by Consideration of the 21 places in the Gospels where this phrase occurs - Chiefly in John. Immortality added thereto.

Flowers. Beautiful bouquet on the Table.

Good attendence.

Walpole A. M. Pastor preached in Walpole as usual.

223

Temperance Eve. Ofs. Temperance Lecture by Rev. Wm. M. Thayer of Franklin. - 3 parishes uniting.

Pastor attend the service but was soon obliged to leave having a Missionary Service at East Medway.

E. Medway Walpole. Also he preached at Walpole in the A. M.

Sunday: June 20. 1869.

224 School.
Thinned by sudden rain.

Book.

Address. by Rev. Elisha Gifford of West Dedham.

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225 Regular Service. Thin. Yo.
by Bro. Gifford. [redacted]

Sermon. Subject:
"Headfastness."

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226 Conference Mg.
Bro. Utter. Conducted by Bro. D. N. Utter of Cambridge Divinity School. – late Boston School for the ministry. Bro. U. is to be missionary in this region for a few weeks under the auspices of the Unitarian Assn & our own Conference.
Subject this eve. "Conferences" with his experience among the Campbellites, to whom he belonged. "Every Christian is a preacher".
The pastor & bro. Stone & Dr. Richardson spoke.

W. Dedham. Bro. Utter preached in West Dedham all day.

W. Roxbury. Pastor occupied the West Roxbury pulpit in their one service in A.M.

Sunday June 27. 1869

227

School. Rain. 91.

Books. "Love & Skates" – Bellows Member of Lyons."

Music. "Te Deum". Progress.

General Lesson. "Statement of Belief":
"Jesus the Christ" & "Holy Spirit".

Addresses Mr. Henry Richardson on the Dedham Conv. – of Norfolk Co. Sun. Sch. Assn – attended ~~Thurs~~ Wed. 23 by 30 from Mfd.
By pastor on the methods of the Hollis St. Sunday School, Boston, as presented by Rev. G. L. Chaney.

Class Day. "Unitarian". Poetry by Ada Bullard & Louisa Shumway.
Bryant's "Thanatopsis" – Amos Shumway.
"Charlemagne & Hermit". Albert Stone.

228

Service. Rained hard. 102 present.

Bible. Luke 7:36+. Woman who poured the ointment.

Hymns. 152-385-85.

Sermon. "She hath done what she could". Mk. 14:8.
1. Comprises whole duty of man. 2. Self reproach arises from not having done our best. 3. They enjoy most & hope, who do their part. 4. They scold most who do least. 5. This world wd be heaven if we could live & judge by this rule. 6. No higher praise can be bestowed upon men, Fedns or God than this.

Flowers on the table.

Walpole. Pastor preached there as usual in A.M.
Rev. W. B. Smith is liable to be sick till Sept.
Hereafter for awhile our School will be at 12¼ & Chh at 2.

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Sun. July 4. 1869

229

School. Attn. 91. Absent 50 t.
Very hot. Strawberry Picking.
New Book. "Ragged Dick". by H. Alger jr.
General. "Holy Spirit" & "Inspiration"
Addresses. Some reminiscences of the Dedham Convention.
from 2 or 3 teachers.
Music. "Te Deum".

230

Service. Good house.
Hymns. 742 - 756 - 674. National
Bible. 1 Chrons. 16. David's Peace Jubilee.
Sermon. Eccles. 2:8. "I gathered me Silver & gold & men Singers & women Singers." &c.
"Peace Jubilee" just over.
The Scene & its Suggestions. 1. Earnestness.
2. "Nothing Accomplished without Love".
3. Improvement in Amusements. 4. Peace.
Defence of the Charge of Quarrelsomeness urged against choirs. National Peace.

231

Conference. conducted by Pastor.
Speeches by Dr. Richardson, Mr. Henry Richardson, Robert Pope Jr., Mary Sewall.
Subject: God is the Father of all but are all the Children of God?
Illustrated by human relations & incidents.

Beautiful basket bouquet from the Kingsbury's.
Several Strangers present.

232. School. Somewhat thin. Very hot.
New book. 2d vol. "Little Women" by Miss Alcott.
Gen. Lesson. On the "Bible." Article 5.
Class Day. "Myrtle".
Jennie Clarke. An original poem.
"Let us do what we can."
Eliza Richardson. "Vacant Chair".
Address. Short by Miss Richardson.
Music. A Shaker Song. "God is Infinitely Able."

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233. Service.
Bible. Phil. 4.
Hymns. 187 - 329 - 908. (last)
Sermon. Phil. 4:8. "Think on these things".
By D. N. Utter of Cambridge Divinity School, and Norfolk Conference Missionary.
Power of thought & need of right selection well illustrated & given without Manuscript.
Pastor. Other exercises by the pastor. Sat Walpole in the forenoon - Same method & sermon - but read.

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Flowers. Beautiful from Kingsbury's.
Strangers. Allens from Newton these two Sundays.
Searles from New York.
Lows from Jamaica Plain.

On account of the heat, no Conference. though a shower cleared the air.

Thurs. July 15. 1869.

234 Funeral.

Mrs. Juston (Julia) Daniels. 77.

Died the 13th

Buried in East Medway,

Bible. Selections from Prov. 31. & Rom. 12.

Hymns. 517-541.

Address. She hoped much chh enjoyment by removal to Mfd. yet she was first brought to her funeral. Very childlike in her relations to Sunday school & chh. Dying she asked for the hymn: "Lord make me more patient."

Prayer. Remembrance of Sisters, Son (Mr. Thaddeus Daniels) & his family.

Verses. Anonymous: "Quiet from God."

282 Longfellow's Book of Hymns.

Sunday: July 18. 1869.

235. School. 106.

Music. Familiar tunes. Splendid School.

Book. Longfellow's "Hyperion".

Speeches. Mr. Searle of N.Y. & Mr. W. H. Baldwin of Boston - President of Young Men's Christian Union. Good Speeches.

Myrtle Cl. Ada Mason & Lizzie Smith Pieces.

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236. Service.

Bible. Roms. 8:28 through.

Hymns. 189 - 576 - 160

Sermon. Roms. 8:29. "Whom he did predestinate them he also called to be conformed to the image of his son."

After a history of the doctrine of predestination & free will. the points were, that both are true, that similar differences are reconcilable in other departments of life & that predestination is rendered abhorrent by the doctrine of endless misery which is false.

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237. Conference -

Conducted by Mr. Searle of N.Y. Deacon in Dutch Reformed Club. Very liberal in spirit. ~~Prays very skilfully Calvinistic.~~

Speeches. Speeches by Dr. Richardson, Wm. H. Baldwin, Jos. A. Allen.

A grand meeting.

Walpole. Pastor preached at Walpole in morn.

Sunday: July 25 1869.

238. School. Full.

New Music. "Shaker Song." "God is Infinitely able".

Speech. Bro. D. N. Utter – our missionary about the Western Sunday School he attended.

Pastor's Lesson. Articles 6, 7 & 8 of Statement of belief. Unusually well recited.

New Book. Collection entitled "Stephen Yarrow."

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239. Service at 2. Quite full.

Bible. 1 Cor. 12:20 through.

Hymns. 4 – 422 – 60.

Sermon. 1 Cor. 14:1. "Desire Spiritual gifts but rather that ye may Prophesy.

3d of Series – one in Dec. & one in Feb., on Conferences. Helps to those who take part in them & Pastor, by showing him parochial needs & teaching those who speak the difficulties of the work.

How to Conduct them: 1. Be earnest & not play at religion. 2. Banish Criticism. 3. Must be at 1st time. 4. Only Education needed, of the heart. 5. Prepare by observation &c. 6. Simplest things most interesting. 7. Forget self.

Closed with an Ideal meeting.

Flowers. Lily bouquet & one of mixed flowers.

Prayer for less bigotry.

Many strangers.

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240 Conference 6½ 7½.

Conducted by Wm. H. Baldwin of Boston Several took part. incl. Mr. Cram of Walpole.

Organist absent & Mrs. Wakefield played.

W. Medway Pastor preached in Mechanics Hall in West Medway. & was therefore absent from Conference.

Walpole. Mr. Baldwin preached there in a.m.

No. Wrentham. Bro. Utter preached there in eve.

Sunday Aug 1. 1869.

241

School. Full. "Bethlehem".

New Song Book — "Shaker" as last Sunday.
Laboulaye's "Fairy Tales."

Pastor's Lesson — Reward & Punishment, Scheme of Redemption & Salvation. Art. 9, 10 & 11.

Blackboard — used last Sunday for the 1st time - & today in teaching the Song.

Changes — Unitarian Cl. divided: Girls to take the "Starr King" girls & retain the "Unitarian" name. Boys to be called "Starr King".

Bethlehem Cl. Exercises — Little Poems recited by every little girl — 4 of them.

242

Service. at 2.

Bible. — Selections read by Mr. Baldwin.

Hymns. — 7 - 634 - 58.

Sermon. — by Wm H. Baldwin Esq. on Free Communion & Duty of all Christians to attend the Service. Very much enjoyed by the people.

243

Communion.

Bible — Luke. 23: 26 - 43.

Hymns. — 50 - 624 - 655 - 60.

Address. — Short on John 15: 15. "I have called you friends". Opposing the sentiment of the hymn 624 line: "no other name but his recorded there". Jesus' heart big enough to hold many & share. He approves human affections. & his religion elevates the family tie.

Prayers — Reference to Mrs. Jason Daniels deceased.

Lilies & other flowers to decorate the worship.

D. N. Utter Baldwin Pastor. — preached twice at Bellingham.
" also at West Medway.
Conducted the Services & administered the Lord's Supper at Walpole. Rev. W. B. Smith being unable enough to preach the Sermon.

Sunday Aug 8. 1869.

244 School. —100—

New hymn. Cheshire 443. Tune "Good Bye". Chorus - Jesus.
" Book. "Fame & Fortune" by H. Alger jr.
Pastor's Lesson. Redemption, Salvation, Repentance, Conversion, Forgiveness, Regeneration, Justification by Faith.
Story. Engineer in N.Y., Malone Co., who jumped from his locomotive in time to save life of a 2 year old girl who was on the track.
Picnic. Moses Hawthorn, Mrs. Wheeler & Amos Shumway jr. Committee appointed to Consult with Walpole Committee about a Picnic in Common.

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245 Service.

Bible. Rom. 14 part.
Hymns. 417 - 738 - 87.
Sermon. Rom. 14:22. "Hast thou faith, have it to thyself before God."
Not opposed to public expression of religious life &c. Faith used in sense of theory - & such faiths we all have. These we should not apply to other people, but to ourselves. & ground them in God.

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246 Conference. 6. o'clk.
Conducted by Dr. Richardson.
References in P.M. prayer & we to Mrs. Jos. Clarke who lay dying. Indeed it was supposed that she was dead, but she lived till 9 P.M.
Pastor spoke & prayed in this Connection. & Bro. Albert Stone.

Day Beautiful. Flowers & fine.
Utter. Bro. has removed to West Medway to prosecute his work there.
Walpole. Pastor preached in A.M. Mr. Baldwin attended Concert Eve.

Sunday. Aug. 15. 1869.

247. School. Rain. -60.-

Music. Rehearsed Jackson's "Te Deum".
New Book. Colyer's Sermons = "Nature & Life".
Picnic. Invitation received from Walpole Sunday School to join in their picnic at Wrentham, George's Park, Fri. Aug. 20. Voted that the distance was too great to make the union feasible. & that we hold our own picnic on that day where first contemplated - Curtis Grove. Messrs Curtis & Kingsbury & Mrs. Saml Ellis Wheeler Miss Wight Chosen Committee.
Money. Ellis voted to take a Sunday School Collection next Lord's Day in Chh.
No Lessons today.

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248. Service. Rain. Thin.
Several outsiders present.
Bible. Heb. 6.
Hymns. 334 - 522 - 543. Hope & Death.
Sermon. Heb. 6:19. "Hope the Soul's Anchor entering within the Vail."
3 Phases of the Epistle reproduced in the Text. 1. The Anchor is Religious Hope, suggested by Alexandria & its Shipping. 2. Jewish figure - enters within the Veil. Of Body, world, Grave & Materialism. 3. Sure & Steadfast.

Flowers. A large bouquet reaching to the top of the desk from the table from Mary Sewall.

Clarke family at Chh.

Walpole. Pastor preached there & on Sat. attended the funeral of Chas. S. Leeson.

Sunday Aug 22 1869.

249. School.

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250. Wm H. Baldwin. Esq.
lectured on Unitarianism & our duty towards it.

Collection of $20 for the School.

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251. Conference.
Conducted by Dr. Richardson,

Pastor absent on a Journey with Rev.
Wm C. Langley of New York – two Sundays

Walpole. Mr. Baldwin preached there.

252 Rev. Eugene De Normandie Officiated.

School as usual.
Beecher class failed on their parts.

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253 Bro. D. Preached.
on Prayer.

Grove. Eve. by Special arrangement of Bro. Baldwin, Bro. Dent. preached to a Crowd of people in Curtis grove.
Singing from Slip.
5 o'clk.
Subject: "Say to the Righteous it shall be well" &c.

Sunday. Sept. 5. 1869.
Anniversary of Pastor's Settlement

254 School.
Book. Irving's "Tales of a Traveller".
Time devoted to rehearsing the "Te Deum" & finishing a Review of the General Doctrinal Lessons.
"Whittier Cl". Readings by 3 young ladies; 2 from Whittier.

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255 Service.
Bible. II Tim. 2:1-16.
Hymns. 21-579-64.
Sermon. Acts 28:30 & "& Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house". &
General remarks on the work of the year, its pleasantness & the humanity of ministers.
137 Services in Chh. 5 members. 6 Baptisms. 8 private & 18 public Conferences. 6 Communions & 1 private. 52 Schools. Pastor has preached 76 times: 44 at home, addressed 48 Schools - 7 elsewhere. 10 Communions. Coterie 8. Calls 600. Money outside $60. Bride $125. Laid by $400 +.
Flowers. Fine from Mary Lewall.
In prayer allusions to Mr. Orion Wight's death.

Grove. At 5 preached to a good audience on "Sociability": John 2:2. "Both Jesus was called & his Disciples," to a Feast.
Naturalness & necessity of Social Life & Pleasures. & how to be Christians in Society.

Hymns Mr. Baldwin gave out the hymns which were sung from hymn slips.

Sunday. Sept. 12. 1869.

Exchange with Rev. Geo. H. Hepworth of Unity Chh, Boston. who has now $5000 but goes in Oct. to N.Y. at ($12 ??) as the Successor of Dr. Osgood.

256. School.
No General lesson & no ministers present.

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257. Mr. H. preached on "Home Influence" Splendid flowers in chh. from the Sewalls. Text: "Eat thy bread at home." used much out of its connection.

Chh full.
Elnan Masons, Plimpton Knightons, Geo. Howards, Groves, Bigelows, Misses Langley & Richardson chosen delegates to Canton.

Grove. At 5 a Congregation of 12–1400 assembled from many towns to hear Mr. Hepworth, who gave a familiar & oft repeated talk on: "I am the light of the world." Religion more important than theology; ~~no connection with the text.~~

3 carloads of people ran up from Needham. 200 Carriages outside the gates.

Rev. Messrs Sewall, Smith, Utter, Bush present & most of them on the platform.

Sunday. Sept. 19. 1869.

258. School.
somewhat dull.

259. Service.
Rev. Wm. B. Smith of Walpole preached.
on "What doest thou here".

Hymns. 307-423-59.

Pastor. preached in Arlington.

260. School. 102.
Devoted to preparation for Anniversary.
General review of lessons & Music.
No class lessons.
Book. "Alec Forbes of Howglen" by Geo. McDonald.

261. Service.
Bible. Luke 12:22-34 & Rom. 8:18-28.
Hymns. 654-173-172.
Sermon. "We know that all things" 1st "work." 2d. work "together" — morally & materially — 3d "for good" — 4th "to those who" fulfil the Condition, that is "love God", i.e. God's Christ, Church, Children, Character, &c. Rom. 8:29.
No flowers. Weather lowry.
Congregation good.

262. Conference.
Conducted by Bro. Albert Stone.
Subject: "Faith & works."
Phin, by reason of storm. brewing & some rain.

Sun. Oct 3 1869.

263. School. Rain. -108-

Book. "Quiet Nook in the Jura" by Jno Ruffini.
School engaged in preparations for the
Anniversary Service.

264 Vide Programme.

Pastor Absent. On the 6th of Oct. Wed.
Mr. Wiggin went to preach in
Meadville Pa. 4 Sundays.
This trip taken chiefly on
account of health.

Returned Nov. 3.

Storm.
250 - 300 present.

Order of Exercises

AT THE

FIFTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Medfield Unitarian Sunday School.

SUNDAY, OCT. 3, 1869, AT 3 O CLOCK, P.M.

Fine display of flowers.

Music arranged & adapted by the Pastor of this Club.

Order of Exercises.

I. ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

BY MISS HATTIE ROBINSON.

II. SENTENCES OF WORSHIP.

Pastor.

III. MORNING HYMN.

Music, — Mendelssohn.

FILL our souls with heavenly light,
Banish doubt and clear our sight;
In thy service, Lord, to-day,
May we stand and watch and pray.

Keep our haughty passions bound;
Save us from our foes around;
Going out and coming in,
Keep us safe from every sin.

IV. RESPONSIVE READING.

From John's First Epistle.

Pastor. — Minister and Congregation, in which all present are requested to unite.

Minister. — Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us;

Congregation. — That we should be called the sons of God.

Min. — Belovéd, now are we the sons of God;

Cong. — And it doth not yet appear what we shall be.

Min. — Little children, let no man deceive you;

Cong. — He that doeth righteousness *is* righteous.

Min. — Belovéd, let us love one another;

Cong. — For love is of God.

Min. — No man hath seen God at any time;

Cong. — If we love one another, God dwelleth in us.

V. SPONTANEOUS SINGING.

"When I'm happy hear me sing,
Give me Jesus."

VI. PRAYER.

Written by Pastor. *Which all present will please join with voice and spirit.*

OUR dear Father and Friend above, — we bless thee for the Christian religion, for our Sunday school, — and for the good they do — in leading us to know and serve thee, — and thy truth. We thank thee for a year of prosperity passed; that death has not divided our ranks. Give us, for the future, — the willing spirit of work. Reconcile us to thyself, in thy Christ, — in whose name, *Amen.*

VII. ORGAN RESPONSE.

VIII. DOXOLOGY.

Read by all.

"AND now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*" Pastor

IX. HARMONY OF WORSHIP.

Words, — Sandys. Music, — Mercadante.

THOU who dwellest enthroned above,
Thou in whom we live and move!
Thou who art most great, most high,
God from all eternity!
Oh, how sweet, how excellent,
'Tis when tongues and hearts consent!
Grateful hearts and joyful tongues
Hymning thee in tuneful songs!
When the morning paints the skies,
When the stars of evening rise,
We thy praises will record,
Sovereign Ruler, mighty Lord!

X. BIBLE READING.

Pastor. Calling of Samuel.

XI. SUMMER HYMN.

Words, — Miss Simes, altered. Music, — B. F. Baker.

'TIS summer, blessèd summer,
'Tis summer in our bosoms,
When youthful snares we fly.
Then, in our grateful spirits,
What strength and peace are given
By angel ministry!
'Tis summer in yon heaven,
Where, teachers, ye shall know,
While time shall last, the blessing,
God's grace in Christ possessing,
Wrought by your love below,
Wrought in our hearts below.

XII. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

MR. MOSES HARTSHORN. Admirable.

XIII. ANNIVERSARY HYMN.

Words, — L. G. Pray. Music, — "Thanksgiving."

The Congregation will please stand while this hymn is sung.

LORD, we come to seek thy blessing,
Objects of thy tender care;
Every good on earth possessing,
If thy favor we but share.

Here the Sunday school and temple
Throw their doors for us apart,
Trained to be both true and gentle,
Wise in mind, and pure in heart.

On this joyful, blest occasion,
We our hearts would lift to thee;
Catch the tones of soft persuasion, —
Happy, true, and thoughtful be.

XIV. SECRETARY'S STATISTICS.

Excellent. MR. LOUIS GOULDING.

XV. LIFE'S BATTLE-FIELD.

Words, — Torrey. Music, — "Casket."

CHILDREN on life's battle-field,
Be ye valiant, bold, and strong!
In the strife, with cheerful zeal
Urge the Saviour's cause along.

Chorus. — Onward, onward to glory!
Yield not to the wily foe!
Victory and heaven are before you,
Shout your triumph as you go.

XVI. REPORT OF LIBRARIAN AND TREASURER.

Capital. MR. GEORGE W. KINGSBURY.

XVII. A VERSION OF THE ANCIENT HYMN TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

Music, — Jackson's "Te Deum in F."

WE praise thee, O God!
We acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee,
The Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud;
The Heavens and all the powers therein;
To thee, cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth!
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee:
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee:
The noble army of martyrs praise thee:
The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee.

The Father of an infinite majesty;
Thine honorable, true, and perfect Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ!
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When God gave thee, Saviour, to deliver man,
The divine word was made flesh, and born of a woman.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven in all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God,
In the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou, O Father! art our Judge;
We, therefore, pray thee help thy servants,
Whom thou dost redeem with thy most patient love.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
In glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage!
Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee, and we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord! to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us!
Have mercy upon us!

O Lord! let thy mercy be upon us,
As our trust, our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee, in thee have I trusted!
Let me never, let me never be confounded.

XVIII. CATECHISM.

Being an abridged review of the Christian Doctrinal Lessons given by the Pastor to the whole school during the past year.

15 Minutes.

Order of Subjects.

1.	GOD.	14.	REPENTANCE.
2.	JESUS THE CHRIST.	15.	REGENERATION.
3.	HOLY SPIRIT.	16.	JUSTIFICATION.
4.	INSPIRATION.	17.	ATONEMENT.
5.	BIBLE.	18.	IMMORTALITY.
6.	HUMANITY.	19.	RESURRECTION.
7.	PREDESTINATION AND FREE WILL.	20.	JUDGMENT.
		21.	HEAVEN AND HELL.
8.	SIN AND VIRTUE.	22.	RELIGION.
9.	REWARD AND PUNISHMENT.	23.	PRAYER.
		24.	CHURCH.
10.	REDEMPTION.	25.	WORSHIP.
11.	SALVATION.	26.	SACRAMENTS.
12.	CONVERSION.	27.	MINISTRY.
13.	FORGIVENESS.	28.	SUNDAY.

CONCLUDING QUESTIONS.

XIX. FORETASTE OF HEAVEN.

Words, — "Psalmist." Music, — Martin Luther.

WHAT must it be to dwell above,
At God's right hand where Jesus reigns!
Since the sweet earnest of his love
O'erwhelms us on these earthly plains.
No heart can think, no tongue explain,
What bliss it is with Christ to reign,
At God's right hand with Jesus.

XX. RECITATIONS.

"Learn a little" every day

By Members of the ~~Christmas~~, Palm-Sunday, ~~Easter~~, Whitsunday, and ~~New-Year's~~ Classes.

"True Prayer" - Abby Hartshorn

"Prayer of a Little Child" Lewis Gooding.

XXI. SONG OF THE ANGELS.

Words, — Cawood. Music, — Flotow.

Repeated. Congregation standing.

Hark, what mean those holy voices,
Sweetly sounding through the skies?
Lo! the angelic host rejoices;
Heavenly hallelujahs rise.
Let us learn the wondrous story,
Which they chant in hymns of joy:
"Glory in the highest, glory!
Glory be to God most high!
Peace on earth!
Peace on earth! Peace!
Peace on earth, good-will from Heaven,
Reaching far as man is found;
Souls redeemed and sins forgiven:
Loud our golden harps shall sound."

Rev. C. S. Locke

XXII. ADDRESSES.

Very Brief.

XXIII. MILTON'S HYMN ON PEACE.

(Altered.)

Music, — Balfe.

No war nor battle's sound
Was heard the earth around, —
No hostile chiefs to furious combat ran;
But peaceful was the night
In which the Prince of Light
His reign of Peace upon the earth began.

The peaceful conqueror goes,
And triumphs o'er his foes,
His weapons drawn from armories above;
Behold the vanquished sit,
Submissive at his feet,
And strife and hate are changed to peace and love.

"Anniversary Day original by Mrs. Geo. Moore.

XXIV. RECITATIONS.

"Expected from Members of the Myrtle, ~~Bethlehem,~~ and ~~Unitarian~~ Classes.

XXV. LETTERS FROM FRIENDS.

XXVI. SHAKER HYMN.

Congregation Standing.

Elisa Richardson.

God is infinitely able
To sustain the weak and feeble,
And to meet the demands
Of the needy and poor.
Though I wade in deep waters,
Yet by fasting, prayer, and watching,
He will safely, safely lead me
To an unbroken shore.

O Canaan, fair Canaan,
Golden days bespeak thy future!
I behold the thousand hills
Whereon graze thy flocks and herds.
All Israel is before me,
Clad in vestments of bright glory;
And I hear their songs of victory,
And feel power from their word.

Emma Rhodes.

XXVII. RECITATIONS.

From the ~~St. Paul~~, St. James, ~~Washington~~, Channing, Starr-King, and ~~Willow~~ Classes.

"New Year's Thoughts" by Albert Stone

XXVIII. WESLEYAN HYMN.

Music, — B. F. Baker.

See the Lord thy Keeper stand
Omnipotently near.
Lo, he holds thee by thy hand,
And banishes thy fear;
He shall bless thy going out,
He shall bless thy coming in,
Kindly compass thee about,
And guard from every sin.

Together with Mr. Pitman of Newport. Rev. Wm. Brown

XXIX. MORE VERY BRIEF SPEECHES.

XXX. RECITATIONS.

From the ~~Border~~, ~~Whittier~~, and Chapin Classes.

"Little People" by Freddy Thompson

XXXI. THRICE HOLY.

Words, — Ancient. Music, — Flotow.

Bright the vision that delighted
Once the sight of Judah's seer;
Sweet the countless tongues united
To entrance the prophet's ear.
Round the Lord in glory seated,
Cherubim and Seraphim
Filled his temple, and repeated
Each to each the alternate hymn.

Female Voices.

"Lord, thy glory fills the heaven,
Earth is with its fulness stored
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Chorus.

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the Angel's cry,
"Holy, holy, holy," singing,
Lord of hosts, the Lord most high!

XXXII. LORD'S PRAYER.

In Concert.

Led by Rev. Locke

XXXIII. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.

Music, — Roman Catholic or Portuguese Hymn.

All are requested to stand and sing.

The Lord is my shepherd, my guardian, my guide,
Whatever I want he will kindly provide:
To sheep of his pasture his mercies abound;
His care and protection his flock will surround.

Latin Chorus.

Venite adoremus Domini.

XXXIV. BENEDICTION.

Rev. W. Brown of Sherborn.

One hour & 35 min. in all.

Sunday Oct. 10

Rev. H. A. Bond of Omaha. Nebraska

265 School.

Speech. Mr. Bond spoke of the Western country

Class Day. Class Charming Exercises. Reading.

266. Service as usual. Mr. Bond.

Communion. Immediately after Service.
Pleasantly administered.

Sunday Oct. 17.

Mr. H. D. Dix of Upton -
a Meadville graduate

267 School.
Speech Mr. Dix spoke of Horace Tunnel.
New book.

268 Service. Mr. Dix.

Sermon. "Kingdom of God within us."

269 Conference.
Conducted by Mr. Dix.

Subject: Believing & Doing.

Speakers. Stone, Henry Richardson,
Miss Richardson & Mary Sewall.

Sunday Oct. 24. 1869.

Rev. Geo. M. Folsom of Dedham in exchange with Rev. C. C. Seward.

270. School.
Speech Book. Mr. Folsom told story of Peaches. Good.

271. Mr. Folsom.
Sermon on "Contentment".
"Rest & Stand in Your Lot."

272. Conference.
Conducted by Mr. Henry Richardson.

Sunday Oct. 31. 1869.

Rev. S. W. Bush – former pastor.

273. School.
Speech. Mr. Bush. on Quincy Conference & Sunday School., which he thought never surpassed.
Class Day Book. Chapin Class unprepared.

274. Service.
Mr. Bush preached.

275. Conference.
Conducted by Dr. Richardson.
Mr. Bush Spoke.
Also Mary Sewall & Stone.

Sunday Nov. 7. 1869.

Pastor at Home.

276. School.

Class day — Laird Collyer Class unprepared.

New Book — "L'Arrabiata".

Speech. — Pastor. on Meadville Unitarian & Colored Schools. Also his trip to Pennsylvania; the burning bridge across the Delaware river.

General Lessons. — Voted to take up the Books of the Old Testament, beginning next Sunday.

Prizes. — Offered for regular attendance during the year & bringing in new scholars.

Hymn. — "Missionary Chant." "How happy is he". Wotton

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277. Service.

Bible. — Isai. 2: 1–10. Hymns. 15–135–906

Sermon. — Job. 1:7. "From going to & fro in the Earth." Lecture on ~~Signs~~ of Movement, Change, Growth, Progress everywhere Visible. especially in Oil Regions. Home is no longer Medfield, but the Whole Country. which bespeaks the Universal higher home.

Singing unusually good.

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278. Conference.

Led by Pastor. What the world would be without the Church. He that was born blind receiving sight. Churches useful in proportion as they do this.

Sunday Nov. 14. 1869.

279 School. Snow. Storm.

Book. "Ingham Papers". E. S. Hale.

Hymn. 84. Humility. "The bird that soars" to Tune: "Behold how brightly" from Mozart's Requiem. adapted & arranged by pastor.

Lesson. Bible & "Genesis". 1st of New Course.

Charity. Books collecting for the African Methodist Sunday School in Meadville Penna.

Missionary Sunday.

280 Service.

Bible. Gals. 6:1-10. Hymns. 681-686-676. Missions.

Sermon. Hebs. 6:9. "But brethren we are persuaded better things of you & things that accompany salvation though we thus speak." — indicating the spirit of the Appeal for the American Unitarian Association. 1st able to give. 2d Unready. 3d Need to be Educated into it. Excuses that we do not love our church; do not care for our truth; do not believe the orthodox hell — very weak. All should give something however little.

Collection. For A. U. A. Boxes $38.55 to be increased.

Proclamation. For Thanksgiving read. issued this year first by President Grant, & a week too early for Massachusetts people.

Commotion. The Statement on the next page was made from the pulpit today.

Committee on further Collections.
Moses Hartshorn, A. B. Baleh, Geo Cuyahoga.

Bouquet. Autumn leaves from Mary Sewall.

Thanksgiving.

Thurs. 18 Nov. 1869.

2 years ago it was proposed by the Rev. L. W. Carr, Baptist, that as previously only one Chh should be open on Thanksgiving. A meeting of the 3 village pastors & Committees was called at Mrs. Wiggin's. Decided to do thus on all public days; the affair not to be called a "Union" however.

Friday 12 Nov. Mr. Carr told Mr. Wiggin that the Unitarians were "so far into Infidelity" that he & others had Conscientious Scruples about Continuing the arrangement. Being optional with them U. & the orthodox Chh having no minister, the plan should continue, how long nobody knows.

281. The Service.

Hymns. 703-702-707.

Bible. 111th psalm.

Sermon. Eccles. 7:10. "Say not thou the former times were better than these". &c. Causes of Thanksgiving for living in this age not in the past. Illustrated in Comforts, Longevity, Art & Literature, Politics & Morals.

Congregation. Good for a public day — & the other churches well represented.

Sunday Nov 21 1869.

Beautiful Day.

282. School. full.

Hymn. Suggested by Elder Roberts "I love to sing of Jesus."

Book. "Efferenus te" a gift from Leondine Kingsbury.

General Lesson. Exodus with Review of Genesis.

Several strangers present today

Address from Rev. C. S. Locke

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283. Service.

Sermon. Bro. Locke preached from the words "Teaching" & "Preacher" as applied to Jesus & their place in a parish, closing with some kind remarks on our method.

Flowers from Mrs. Kingsbury.

Collection. for the C. M. A. $26.80 additional.

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284. Lecture. See annexed programme.

Hymns. from Slips 1-738-60.

Bible. Part 1st chapter of I Cors.

Lecture. 1 Cor. 1:13. "Is Christ Divided?"

Amos 3:3. "Can 2 walk together except agreed."

Gals. 6:4. "Let ea. m prove his own work."

1. Christendom divided; & Subdivisions

2. Distinctive Names

3. Legal equality.

4 — & here an alarm of fire dispersed

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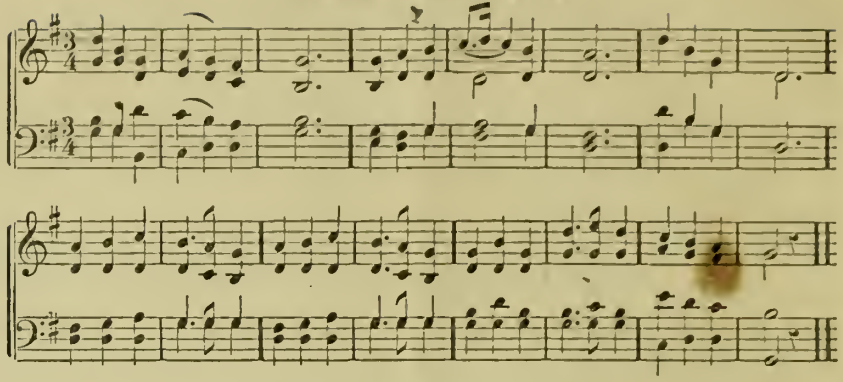


1.

Solemn Invocation. ANONYMOUS.

1 COME, thou Almighty King!
Help us thy name to sing;
Help us to praise!
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days!

2 Come, thou all-gracious Lord,
By heaven and earth adored!
Our prayer attend!
Come, and thy children bless;
Give thy good word success;
Make thine own holiness
On us descend.

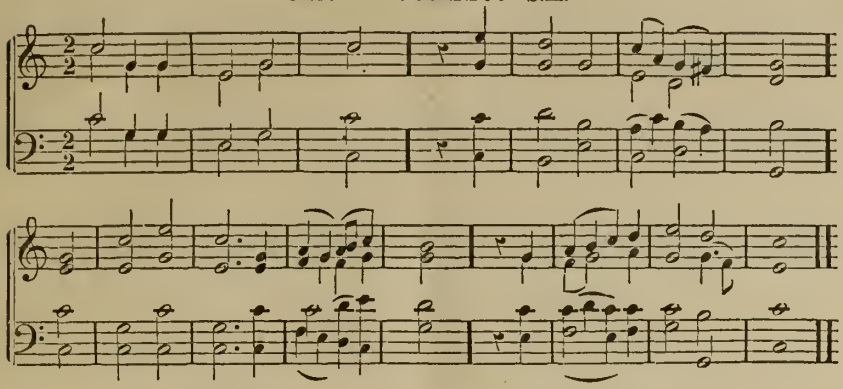
3 Never from us depart;
Rule thou in every heart,
Hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

2.

Let there be Light. MARRIOTT

THOU, whose Almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight!
Hear us, we humbly pray;
And, where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light.

SILVER STREET. S.M.



3. *Call to Worship.* Ps. 95. WATTS.

1 COME, sound his praise abroad,
And hymns of glory sing;
Jehovah is the sovereign God,
The universal King.

2 He formed the deeps unknown;
He gave the seas their bound;
The watery worlds are all his own,
And all the solid ground.

3 Come, worship at his throne,
Come, bow before the Lord:
We are his work, and not our own;
He formed us by his word.

4 To-day attend his voice,
Nor dare provoke his rod;
Come like the people of his choice,
And own your gracious God.

4. *The Sower.* MONTGOMERY.

1 Sow in the morn thy seed,
At eve hold not thy hand;
To doubt and fear give thou no heed:
Broadcast it o'er the land!

2 Beside all waters sow,
The highway furrows stock,
Drop it where thorns and thistles grow,
Drop it upon the rock!

3 The good, the fruitful ground
Expect not here nor there;
O'er hill and dale and plain 'tis found:
Go forth, then, everywhere!

4 And duly shall appear,
In verdure, beauty, strength,
The tender blade, the stalk, the ear,
And the full corn at length.

5. *Enjoyment in Worship.* SPIRIT OF THE PSALMS.

1 SWEET is the task, O Lord!
Thy glorious acts to sing,
To praise thy name, and hear thy word,
And grateful offerings bring.

2 To songs of praise and joy
Be every sabbath given,
That such may be our blest employ
Eternally in heaven!

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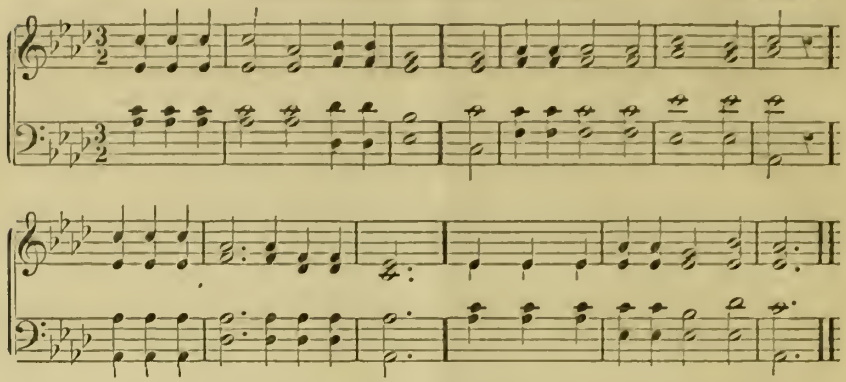

118. *Imploring the Constant Presence of God.* SIR W. SCOTT.

1 WHEN Israel, of the Lord beloved,
Out from the land of bondage came,
Her fathers' God before her moved,
An awful guide, in smoke and flame.

2 By day, along the astonished lands
The cloudy pillar glided slow;
By night, Arabia's crimsoned sands
Returned the fiery column's glow.

3 Thus present still, though now unseen,
When brightly shines the prosperous day,
Be thoughts of thee a cloudy screen,
To temper the deceitful ray.

4 And oh! when gathers on our path,
In shade and storm, the frequent night
Be thou, long-suffering, slow to wrath,
A burning and a shining light.

119. *Living to God.* MRS. COTTERILL.

1 O THOU who hast at thy command
The hearts of all men in thy hand!
Our wayward, erring hearts incline
To have no other will but thine.

2 Thrice blest will all our blessings be,
When we can look through them to thee;
When each glad heart its tribute pays
Of love and gratitude and praise.

120. *The Christian Warfare.* MRS. BARBAULD.

1 AWAKE, my soul: lift up thine eyes, —
See where thy foes against thee rise,
In long array, a numerous host!
Awake, my soul, or thou art lost.

2 Thou tread'st upon enchanted ground
Perils and snares beset thee round:
Beware of all; guard every part,
But most the traitor in thy heart.

121. *The Unchanging Love of God.* COWPER

1 WHEN darkness long has veiled my mind,
And smiling day once more appears,
Then, my Creator, then I find,
The folly of my doubts and fears.

2 Straight I upbraid my wandering heart,
And blush that I should ever be
Thus prone to act so base a part,
Or harbor one hard thought of thee.

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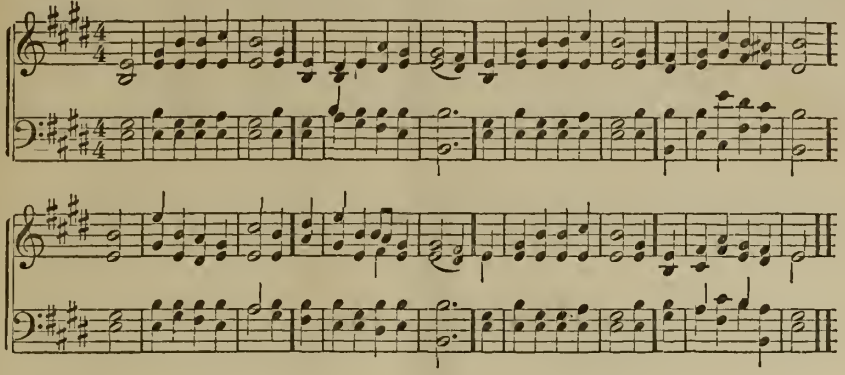

212 *Missionary Hymn.* HEBER.

1 FROM Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand,
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.

2 What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle, —
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile?
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown:
The heathen in his blindness
Bows down to wood and stone.

3 Shall we, whose souls are lighted
By wisdom from on high, —
Shall we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation, O salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learnt Messiah's name.

4 Waft, waft, ye winds, his story,
And you, ye waters, roll,
Till, like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole;
Till o'er our ransomed nature
The Lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, and Saviour,
In bliss returns to reign.

213. *Blessings of Christ's Kingdom.* MONTGOMERY

1 HAIL to the Lord's Anointed, —
Great David's greater Son!
Hail! in the time appointed
His reign on earth begun:
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

2 He comes, with succor speedy,
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;

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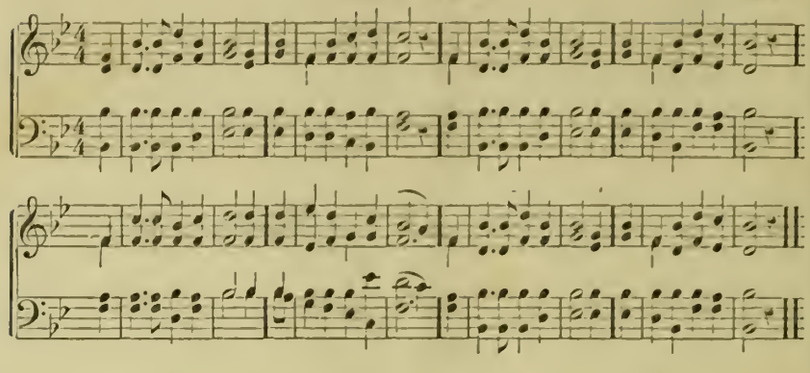

To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.

214. *The Spread of the Gospel.* ANON.

1 THE morning light is breaking,
The darkness disappears,
The sons of earth are waking
To penitential tears;
Each breeze that sweeps the ocean
Brings tidings from afar,
Of nations in commotion,
Prepared for Zion's war.

2 Rich dews of grace come o'er us
In many a gentle shower,
And brighter scenes before us
Are opening every hour;
Each cry to heaven going,
Abundant answers brings,
And heavenly gales are blowing,
With peace upon their wings.

215. *Safety in God.* MONTGOMERY.

1 GOD is my strong salvation:
What foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation,
My Light, my Help, is near.
Though hosts encamp around me,
Firm in the fight I stand:
What terror can confound me,
With God at my right hand?

2 Place on the Lord reliance,
My soul, with courage wait:
His truth be thine affiance,
When faint and desolate.
His might thy heart shall strengthen,
His love thy joy increase;
Mercy thy days shall lengthen;
The Lord will give thee peace.

216. *Pious Joy.* ANON.

To thee, my God and Saviour,
My soul exulting sings;
Rejoicing in thy favor,
Almighty King of kings!
I'll celebrate thy glory
With all thy saints above,
And tell the joyful story
Of thy redeeming love.

FREE RELIGIOUS SERVICES,

MEDFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH.

Glances at the History, Position, Usefulness, and Creeds of the leading Christian Denominations; with some Consideration of the Points which distinguish them from the Unitarian Church.

Providence permitting, a series of SUNDAY EVENING LECTURES on these topics will be given in the FIRST CONGREGATIONAL PARISH CHURCH, MEDFIELD, by the Pastor,

REV. J. H. WIGGIN.

Services to begin at 7 o'clock precisely.

The Introductory Lecture will be delivered *November* 21, 1869.

SUBJECT: "**The Division of Christendom into Churches, and their Mutual Relations and Duties.**"

N. B. — For a just appreciation of these discourses, it is very desirable that those who intend hearing any of those which follow should attend the Opening Lecture.

I. Roman Catholicism	*December* 12, 1869.
II. Episcopacy, or the Church of England	*January* 16, 1870.
III. Trinitarian Congregationalism, or Orthodoxy	*February* 13, 1870.
IV. The Baptists	*March* 13, „
V. Methodism	*April* 10, „
VI. Universalism	*May* 15, „

ALSO THERE WILL BE A

Christmas Vesper Musical Service,

December 26, 1869.

Easter Vespers . . . . . *April* 17, 1870.

All these evenings have been selected with reference to the *Full Moon*.

In case of storm or obstructed roads, any Lecture will be deferred one or two weeks, as weather permits. No postponement of Vespers on account of weather. All are invited to come, sing, and listen.

SEATS FREE.

The Pastor of this Society holds himself in readiness to render any ministerial services, wherever and whenever desired. Residence opposite the Church.

Sun Nov 28. 1869.

285. School. full.

Book. Moore's "Lalla Rookh."

Music. "God is There" words "Our father in heaven."

Lesson. Review of Exodus — Leviticus.

Singing Schol. Proposed by Mr. Hartshorn.

Novelties. Hebrew Bible shown last Sunday & the Septuagint to day

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286. Service. Weather fine.

Hymns. 36 – 473 – 880.

Bible. Luke 13:1-9 Jno. 9:1-7.

Sermon. Luke 13:4. "The 18 upon whom the tower of Siloam fell, think you they were sinners above all men at Jerusalem?"
The problem of suffering — suffering no identical with punishment.

Delegates to Conference in Dorchester.
Geo. Thurway & wife, B. F. Thurway & wife,
Geo F. Ellis & wife, Mary E. Sewall.

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287. Lecture.

Hymns. Hymn Slips — as annexed. Congregational Singing

Bible. 1 Jno 4:20 – 1:6.

Sermon. Texts added: "We saw one casting out devils in thy name" &c "Speaking the truth in love."
Thread of discourse resumed.

Many strangers at day Services
Fine congregation in eve.

Flowers from Miss Sewall (Mary)

SUNDAY EVENING LECTURE.—The lecture at the First Parish so unexpectedly abridged the week before, was resumed and completed, with additions, last Sunday evening. A good audience was present, including an unusually large proportion of men. The neighboring towns were represented. After reading a few texts relating to the general subject of Christian Division and Duties, the speaker, Rev. J. H. Wiggin, touched the following points, of which we have obtained a synopsis.

1st. Thought leads to differences of opinion, and were there as many churches as opinions, there would be as many as there are people. 2d. Each denomination has a significant name. Why should there be hesitation in using those names? 3d. Between all the sects there is, in this country as in no other, perfect legal equality. 4th In every denomination there is important truth or it could not thrive. 5th. Each sect thinks itself mainly right, and so ought to think, or else change. Therein the speaker differed from some other liberal preachers who ignore the value of distinct organizations.

So long as men are conscientious, and believe their own church nearer the apostolic standard, they *must* advise others to be Catholics or Baptists or Unitarians as the case may be, just as they would send one in need to the best physician, or point out the best route of travel. For his part, he would advise a young man going into Boston, to join Rev. Dr. Jas. Freemen Clarke's church of the Disciples, and would rather thus place a youth permanently under the best influences, than simply to give religious advice which might be misunderstood or forgotten. If *Sectarianism* is to work hard for the truth as one understands it, then Sectarianism is right. 6th. Despite the earnest efforts of true men in every sect, there is a deal of non-recognition. Christians say, as Shylock said to Antonio, "I will buy with you, sell with you, work with you, talk with you, and so following, but I will not pray with you." This was the bad side of sectarianism, and to be despised. 7th. Improvement is to come, not as many think because people will one day think nothing of doctrines. *Creed* is simply *belief*. History shows a growing respect for *opinions*, which take hold of God and human destiny. A man without opinions "is, God help us, a thing of naught." In the future, people will think, believe and differ, even more vigorously than now, but in *charity* towards each other. 8th. The duty of sects is to speak the truth in love, and give to each other the same courteous recognition American law now extends to all.

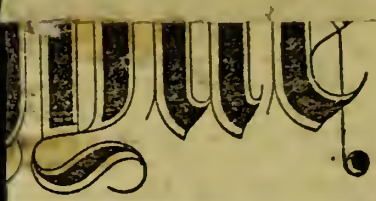
In conclusion, the preacher referred to the Lectures of which this was the opening, and said something like this: "Let those who come, expect not whole-sale denunciation of other bodies. Neither let them expect any apology for the doctrines set forth; nor any attempt to conceal the broad differences traceable between Unitarianism and other forms of doctrine and practice, and charitable though positive statements of position and reasons.

ness to meet him; the clock rang out the smallest note of time, her last hope flickered in life's socket as she gave a farewell look to the burning taper upon the little table, and a farewell blessing upon her too indulgent parents, and glided accross the fields like a bridal ghost to the cabin of the lover.

He had resolved to commit double murder. The waters had been agitated by the winds and the waves dashed against the banks; upon her arrival he clasped her to his breast, impressed one last, mad kiss of love upon her forehead, and then plunged her beneath the surface. She rose, and in wild despair shrieked for help. No answer came she sank and rose again, and gave one heart-rending, gurgling cry, "O God I die!" then sank to rise no more. And along those dreary banks that cry shall ring and be heard by the young collegian forever on the earth; and the last words that he shall utter on his dying bed shall be "O God I die?"

BLUE HILL.

A New York horse-car conductor shot off a passenger's ear the other day by way of making change.



DE PARK, MASS

own from his golden throne smilingly pon the silent surface of the pond. hen the Indian hunter discovered the ody of a young woman floating there nd angel-like repose sat upon her pallid ountenance, revealing the fact that. at body was once tenanted by a soul. hich had it remained unstained, might ave shed a sweet radience upon admiring worshipers, as they drank in the ovelness of her being.

The genealogy of this child of misfortune, and her true name the curious an never know. Too many hearts ave been wrung with anguish, too many tears have been shed, and eyes limmed to warrant the uplifting of that eil which shuts out the unknown past. o gratify the idle curiosity of those liv-

Attended by

Mrs. Sam. Ellis.

Geo. H. Ellis & Wife.

Jesse Ellis.

Mrs. Wiggin.

Miss Abby Rudsell.

& Pastor.

To the 1st Cong *Church in* Medfield
under the pastoral charge of

Rev. C. H. Briggs

BRETHREN:—

The Annual Meeting of the "Norfolk Conference of Unitarian and other Christian Churches" will be held with the First Parish in Dorchester (Rev. Nath'l Hall's), on WEDNESDAY, December 1st, at 10, A.M.

Brief Reports will be read by the Secretary, and Treasurer, and officers elected for the ensuing year.

Rev. A. J. Patterson, of Boston Highlands, will read an Essay on the question, "*How to enkindle Personal Religion?*" to be followed by discussion.

You are requested to be present, by your Pastor and at least six delegates.

The Mt. Bowdoin Horse Cars leave the foot of Summer Street, Boston, for Meeting-House Hill, at 8.45, 9.15, and then hourly. Return at 4, 4.30, and 5, P.M.

Yours in Christian Faith and Work,

FREDERIC HINCKLEY,

Secretary.

HARRISON SQUARE,
Nov. 22, 1869.

Please send or bring me the amt of
Your con. collected for the A. U. A.
65.35 + 90 = 156.35
157.

Sun. Dec. 5. 1869.

Memorial Sunday. Snow.

288 School. 88.

Music. Hayat: "Feeble, helpless" &c

Book. Young America Abroad. Optic. "Palace & Cottage".

Lesson. Review of Leviticus: Numbers.

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289 Service.

1. Dirge: Dead March from Saul. "Unveil thy bosom".
2. Sentences read. 3. Carmina Alterna. 23d psalm.
4. Hymn 506 "Why should we mourn". China.
5. Poem read. "Send kindly light & lead me on."
6. Prayer & Organ Response. 7. Selections Isai. 26.
8. Sacred Song. "Over the River". Hattie Robinson.
9. I John 3:1-7. 10. Hymn 564. "Like shadows gliding."
11. Sermon: 1 Jno 3:7. "Little children, let no man deceive you: he who worketh righteousness is righteous." Righteousness alone counts in time & eternity. The dead of the year:
1. Fred Adams. 2. Moses Hawthorn. 3. Col. C. Allen.
4. Mrs. Jason Daniels. 5. Mrs. Jos. Clarke. 6. Orion Wight.
7. Mrs. Addison Fairbanks.
12. Silent Prayer. 13. Short Prayer.
14. Chant Lord's Prayer.
15. Hymn 559 "Time is winging us away." Amsterdam
16. Benediction.

Communion.

Usual service closing with hymn 628.
Allusions to the departed.

2 wreaths to Mrs. Clarke. Bouquet & Mr. Wight. 2 Crosses & basket in General.

Mr. & Mrs. Addison Furnas returned from a long western trip.

Sun. Dec. 12. 1869

Rain or Snow.

290 School.

Pastor absent during part of the School.

Speech. by Rev. H. Alger about his son's books.

Music. "Daylight love has passed away". Tune, & the words "Quiet Lord my froward heart."

Book. "Charlie Roberts — how he became a man".

General Lesson. Review of "Numbers."; & "Deuteronomy".

291 Service.

Hymns. 18-414-68.

Sermon. by Rev. H. Alger of South Natick on "the path of the just shining more & more unto the perfect day." Religion developing into Self Denial, Benevolence & Piety; the latter more & more taking the form of Love."

Scripture read by Mr. X.; Prayer by Pastor.

Winter bouquet from Miss Mary Sewall.

292 Eve. / Lecture.

Hymns from Slips.

Bible. Context.

Lecture. on Roman Catholicism.

Festival. a Xmas festival voted in school.
a large comm. appointed.
after club a few remained to see about it.

Old Books. School voted to give the librarian discretion in parting with any unused volumes to the Sun. Sch. Society, Boston.
About 60 from sundry sources sent to African school in Meadville Penna.

Congregation good considering the weather.

Sunday Dec. 19. 1869.

Frozen & Pleasant & Mild.

293 School. 112.

Music. Christmas hymns entirely. The new piece "Andover" "From heaven above to earth I come." from ~~Lt. th. Co.~~ Sunday Sch. Sg. slips.

Many colds & less power than usual.

Book. "Cranford" by "Mrs. Gaskell." This volume 2d hand & formerly belonged to Geo. Wm. Curtis. A great literary famus in these days.

General Letton. "Joshua" & "Deuteronomy" reviewed.

Speech. by Rev. Jas. Aug. Kendall, who 40 years ago was ordained Pastor of this Chh. After a few years ministry, his impaired health compelled his withdrawal from the ministry. He now lives at Saxonville, (Framingham.) Mr. K. also spoke of "Joshua". A man full of memories of ~~good~~ sayings.

294. Service. Full.

Hymns. 315. - 472 - 460.

Bible. Isai. 64 read by Mr. Kendall. Prayer also.

Sermon. By pastor on Isai. 64:6. "Our righteousness is filthy rags." Bible big & ideas sometimes opposite. This text applied to human goodness. So untrue. 1. Translation good, but garment instead of Rags. 2. Poetry always exaggerates, & this poetry. 3. Hebrew not Christian. 4. "Our" makes it personal. 5. Means not real righteousness but ceremonial & superficial. 6. Everybody feels so sometimes. Healthy feeling. Good is good always. "Ragged Righteousness" Let us away with it.

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Xmas Vesper.

Eve. 7.

1. Organ Vol.
2. Sentences in soft music
3. Anthem: "Glory to God".
4. Poem "Christmas Bell" – Rogers Read.
5. Carmina Athena for Christmas.
6. Prayer & Response.
7. Hymn 98. "Arrayed in Clouds of golden light".
8. Isaiah 6:5. read by Mr Kendall.
9. "Shout the glad tidings". Carol.
10. Mark 1:1–11. Mr Kendall.
11. 226. "Hark what Celestial Sounds".
12. Sermon on Heb. 13:8.
    "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today & forever".
    Properly "is the same" & begins a new Sentence.
    No proof of pre-existence of Christ. Same not in body: but 1. In Doctrines. No chh Commissioned to unfold his new truths. 2. In Office. Judge & Redeemer both here & hereafter. 3. In Character. Both mild & just. always. Still leads prodigal Spirits to God; still gathers little Children. What Spiritual grandeur. Jesus became perfect but had no regret for the past.
13. Short Prayer by Mr. Kendall.
14. Lord's Prayer Chanted.
15. "Hail all hail the joyful morn". 222.
    by people.
16. Benediction by Mr. Kendall.

Some crosses & trimmings.

Sunday Dec. 26.

very rainy & sloshy.

296. School.

Speech. by Mr. Jenkyn Jones of Meadville school. on Xmas. & his Sunday Sch. in it.

Book "Ten years among the Mail Bags." from Ms. Balch.

297. Service.

Sermon Mr. Jones preached on the text: "Why this waste?" The utility of useless things.

The preacher. is a descendent of a Welch family of Unitarian preachers. In infancy his father removed from wales to Wisconsin. Farmer, he still kept the light of the true faith upon the altar. Now this boy enters the pulpit & will graduate next summer. Through the influence of the pastor he spends this Vacation in New England. which he sees for the first time. Last Sunday he preached in Arlington where the pastor preaches today.

Jan. 2 1870.

New Years Sunday.

Heavy storm of Rain & Wind

298 School — 50+)

Book "My visit to Sybaris" to by Rev E. E. Hale.

Tune. "Our heavenly father hear" S. M.

Speech. By pastor on the Arlington Sunday school & Vethers.

Mr. Wiggin spent last Sunday with the Arlington chh.

Discussion. The melodeon long in use belongs to Mrs. A. J. Turner. Mrs. T. offers it to the school for $75.

Question; how to procure a new one.

Various plans considered.

Lesson. "Judges" & Review of "Joshua".

Class "New years" class. 2 little poems.

Exercises. "Xmas Cl." Recitation "Xmas Bells". Annie Clarke. & a song by 2 girls.

Classes. to lessons.

299 Service. — 46. —

Hymns 721 725 - 714. New years.

Bible James 4.

Sermon Jas. 4:13. "Go to now, ye that say, we will go into this City & buy & sell &c. a year."

1. A new year brings no sure change; God turns the leaf; we write it. 2. Sudden changes may come. earthquake or death. 3. Past record cannot be changed. 4. Future built on the past.

Congregation very attentive ~~& tearful~~.

Allusions to Scarlet Fever in town & Children sick.

Jan. 9. 1870.

Beautiful Day

300. School. Good attendance.

Book. "Eva Roberts' Education."

Tune. "Beautiful Story of Jesus." to the words: "To thee be praise forever."

Committee to consider the proper method of thanking Mrs. Farmer for the use of her instrument so long: Mrs. G. Adams.
Mrs. Wiggin & Endora Shumway.

General Lesson. Ruth & Review of Judges.

301. Service.

Hymns. 30 - 435 - 366. Bible. Roms. 1:16 through.

Sermon. Roms. 1:25. "Who changed the truth of God into a Lie".

Inner uncleanness is compared with outer & that is well defined as "Matter out of Place". Sin is action out of Place. Faculties not to be annihilated but directed. Jean Paul says: "In our holy human nature there is no string needing to be broken, only to be tuned".

Allusions in prayer as last Sunday to death of Mrs.

302. Marshall of the Baptist chh.

Conference.

Conducted by the pastor. Speech by Mrs. Wiggin, Miss Stormer, Dr. Richardson, Henry Richardson, Albert Stone.

Subject: the definition of Religion, "the effort of man to perfect himself", given by Frank Abbot in 50 affirmations published in the "Index", a Radical weekly he has just begun in Toledo, Ohio.

Pastor's Mother in town at chh.

Sun. Jan 16 1870

Mild & Beautiful

303. School.

Music. Mason & Hamlin Metropolitan Organ introduced.

Address By Rev Wm Brown of Sherborn.

Testimonials The Committee appointed last Sunday notified the Classes that a contribution would be taken next Sunday.

Book "Nimworth."

304. Service. P. M.

Bible Selections from the Sermon on the Mount

Hymns. 165 - 439 - 84.

Sermon By Mr. Brown. from Roms: "Children of God by faith in Christ". Excellent.

Pastor at Sherborn in A. M. We want neither mere morality nor mere ~~pisity~~ belief, but faith pervading both; without which both were valueless.

Allusions in prayer to Scarlet fever & the death of Marion Wright.

7 now sick with fever = 4 adults & 3 children.

305 Lecture. Eve. 7. House full.

Singing. Congregational.

Bible. Read verses from Phils. 1st Chapter.

Prayer. Short.

Discourse. Phil. 1:1. "With the Deacons & Bishops."

Episcopacy from Greek "Overseer". Strictly an English chh. Its peculiarities 1. Strict English Ritual 2. Claim to be the only Protestant chh. Claim rests on certain claims as of 3fold ministry & Apostolic Succession, which are unsound. This chh originated in the 16th century. Its progress accelerated by political occurrences. Transferred to America. Divided into High & Low. Excellencies "Why I am not an Episcopalian." This chh with great advantages has a splendid opportunity for usefulness, but for this she must be remodelled. God only knows the future.

Mild & Pleasant at night.

306 School. Rainy. -90

Book. "Charlie Bell of Elm Island" by Kellogg.

Music. "I would not live Alway".

Collection. Nine dollars in dribbets for a gift to Mrs. Farmer from the School. (Purchased 2 reduced chromos, "Village Inn" & "Melek Castle" & one large: "On Picket Duty"; the former in rustic frames; latter in deep frame. Presented by Mrs. Wiggin Jan. 25.)

General Lesson. I & II Samuel.

307 Service. very good.

Hymns. 375-378-869 Sin.

Bible. I Tim. 1st.

Sermon. " " " 15. "Sinners; among whom I am chief."

Sin everywhere & not only that but every Christian feels himself to be chief & is so in his own domain. & feels the mercy of God infinite.

308 Conference.

Conducted by Geo. W. Kingsbury.

Abbot's 2d proposition considered:

"Root of Religion is Universal Human Nature."

Very lively & well attended. Some 8 or 10 persons took part in the Conversation, which was the form it assumed.

Lynn Jan 30 1898.

Rev G. J. Patterson – Boston Highlands.

309 School.

Speech. Bro. Patterson on Kindness with many illustrations. Excellent.

Absent. Mr. Geo Kingsbury. For a wonder Richness

Book. Young American Series. "Down the Rhine." Gotte.

Recitation. One from St. James class

310 Service.

Sermon. Immortality.
"Now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face".
Much admired.

Preacher. Mr. P. is pastor of the Boston Highlands Universalist Chh. Salary $2000 & a months vacation

311 Lecture

Subject. "Character of Isaiah.
"Who will go? Send me."
Services long at both services.

312 School.

Speech by pastor about the Universalist Church, School & pastor in Boston Highlands; which has 6 teachers & 350 pupils.

Book "B. O. W. C." for boys.

Music From Somers "Aladdin": "O sweetly breath" &c.

General Lesson. "Samuels" & "Kings".

Comm. on Testimonial to Mrs. Fiesner. reported the 3 Chromos presented.

Letter. From Secretary L. J. Livermore about the disposal of books recently sent for Mission Schools.

313. Sewell.

Bible. John 13:1-17. Washing of feet.

Hymns. 873.-265-(69).

Sermon. John 13:15. "I have given you an example."
Roms. 8:2. "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus".
"Imitation of Jesus". Imitation Generally a failure even in material things. & unworthy of us & not commanded in Bible. Jesus is an Example as a Sum in the Arithmetic is an example, not for Servile imitation but that we may catch the law of the problem. The 2d text elucidates the first.

Communion followed. Well attended. Closed with hym 636
Allusions in Prayer to the sick recovered.

Weather. Lowry.

Strangers. Brother & Sisters of the Pastor's wife Present.

Sick. At 7 in the eve. the pastor offered a "Passing" prayer with Dea. John Wickliffe Adams age 96 yrs & 7 mos.

Death. At 9 the same eve he died. not having spoken for the day. Old age.

Wed. Feb. 6. 1870.
one p. m.

314 Funeral.
(Dea.) John Wickliffe Adams - age 96 yrs & 8 mos.

Conducted by Rev C. C. Sewall.
Hymn 186 announced & Benediction given by Pastor.
Poetry by Bryant. }
Scripture Selections } by Mr. Sewall.
Prayer }

No Remarks.

Fine day. Bad walking.

315 School.

General Lesson. Review of Kings & Chronicles.

Business. Proposal for a Collection of photographic illustrations of the life of Jesus.

Tune. Keokuk. "My maker & my King".

Book. Mrs. Stowe's "Dred." London Edition.

316 Service.

Hymns. 488. 528. 481. Death.

Bible. Eccles. 12.

Sermon. Eccles 12:3. "The strong men bow themselves."
Life & Character of John W. Adams.
Rev. C. C. Sewall had declined giving this Sermon. so the pastor did what he could, having only known the deceased as a wreck in his latter years. Character visible in the wreck. His birth before the Revolution 1773 – July.
Voting for every president except Washington.
Interest in Religion.

Music. The new members of the Choir sang alone.

317. Lecture.

Hymns from Slips. Bible Acts 15:1–11.

Sermon. Acts 15:23. "The apostles & Elders & Brethren send greeting unto the brethren. which are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria & Cilicia."
Congregationalism as indicating a body flourishing chiefly in New England. Its excellencies in Morals, Popular Education, Church government by religious people & Freedom. Devotion to the Bible & willingness to trust it alone, save with a Creed, which because made a test of exclusiveness, — chiefly separating us from that body.

Sunday: Feb. 20 1870

Beautiful & Warm.

318. School. full.

Book Little stories.

Music. "Christian Union". "Great God in whom" &

General Lesson. Ezra. Chronicles reviewed.

Pastor preached in Dover in the A.M. & only returned in time for the last part of the School duties.

319 Service.

Bible. Rom 8: 1–16.

Hymns 159 – 182 – 406.

Response to the prayer Lord's Only.

Sermon. "Thou believest ~~that there is One God~~ God is One. Thou doest well. ~~The~~ Demons Devils also believe & tremble. Wilt thou know O vain man that ~~faith~~ belief without works is ~~dead~~ idle!"

James 2: 19 & 20.

The Bible hits the peculiarities of all denominations & in this text hits us. We believe that God is One. & we are vain of it. Human devils to believe. Unitarian belief as idle as any other without work corresponding thereto. Involves duties to self, Church, Children & the outside world. "Life without Truth or Truth without life? Neither – but life abundantly.

Spring flowers – lilacs &c. in a vase.

320 Conference.

Conducted by Robert Rope jr. Meeting quite good but not so animated as sometimes.

Sun. Feb. 27. 1870.

Dull & Snowy.

321 School.

Book. Mrs. Whitney's "Hitherto". admirable.

Music. "Over on the other side". 530 Chestnut.
"Cease ye mourners". from Bright Jewels.
Suggested by Mr. Geo. Bigelow.

General Lesson. "Ezra" reviewed. "Nehemiah."

Classes. The Washington class unprepared both last Sunday & today.

322. Service. well attended.

Bible. Hebs. 2.

Hymns. 402 - 485 - 468 (Laban.)

Extra Music. The "Carmina" as always; Response after the Prayer. An opening anthem: "I love the Lord"; & a Recessional Hymn. about Heaven.

Sermon. Hebs. 2:1. "Give more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."
The Question: What do you think, do you ever think of religion? pressed home. Its answers.
1. Yes = but religious matters not religion.
2. Yes; sometimes, when we cant help it.
3. Yes; always; a shallow answer.
4. Fly to Jesus & Creep into the Kingdom.
Some who heard seemed moved by this appeal. & the preacher was deeply in earnest.

Choir. Many of the older singers, much to the regret of both the new singers & the Congregation, have left the seats since the School & today only Mr. Geo. Bigelow & Albert Stone & the organist remained. New ones: Ella Allen, Almira & Emma Bruce, Annie & Jennie Clarke, Mary Hewins, Nat Allen.

Mr. Bigelow played that Miss Robinson might sing.

Sunday Mch 6 1870

Beautiful Day.

323. School. Thinned by Illness.

Book. Mark the Match Boy. by Alger.

Music. "At the Sun's enlivening eye". — the Prayer from Herold's "Zampa".

General Lesson. Record of Nehemiah — & Esther.

324 Service.

Hymns. 293 - 446 - 466.

Bible II Tim. 3.

Sermon. " " " 15. "The holy Scriptures able to make us wise unto Salvation."
A condemned, cowardly Criminal said he should be saved by his faith in Christ. What idea had he? Salvation is from Sin, not punishment. Faith in Xt involves faith in his principles, his humanity, his hatred of sin & his God.

On account of the funeral of Annie Richardson, the Conference omitted.

Sunday: Mch 13. 1870.

Severe Snow Storm & therefore the Chh not open.

Sunday Mch: 20 1870.

Pleasant. Bad walking.

9:25 School. Thinned by illness & streets.
Book. "Autobiography of John B. Gough." Large.
Music. Prayer "Piano, Piano" from Weber's "Der Freischutz".
General. Job. Esther received.
Classes. Reading & Recitation from the Starr King class.

3:26. Service.
Hymns. 650-609-107. Bible. Part of Acts 8.
Sermon. Acts 8:12. "When they believed from the teaching of Philip the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God & Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men & women".
Scene of this, Sychar, where Jesus talked with the woman at the well 2 years before.
Duty of public religious profession: 1. To Children & grandchildren, since religion rarely lasts over the 2d generation without active profession. 2. To Minister, who is employed to secure this result. 3. To Parish, which best prospers under it. 4. To Church at large, which most need moral support.

3:27. Lecture.
Bible. Mark: last 6 verses.
Sermon. Mk. 16:16. "He who believeth & is baptized shall be saved" &c.
"The Baptists."

Sun: Mch: 27. 1870.
Dull.

328 Ev Rev. Wm B. Buxton of Marblehead.
School.
Book. One of Mr Alger's "Rough & Ready"
Speech by Mr Buxton. story of 3 boys who walked across a snow field.

329 Service.
Hymns. 24 - 170 - 60.
Bible. Ps. 1 & 98.
Sermon. "Numbering your days unto wisdom."

Sun. Apr. 8. 1870.

Storm.

330 School.

Book. "Book of Worthies." Historic.

Music "In the fair fields of Heaven." 552.

Plan. Each scholar under 15 a card after attending 3 consecutive Sundays

General Lesson. Job. & Psalms.

331. Service.

Hymns. 46 - 638 - 71.

Bible. Selections from John 6 about Jesus the Bread.

Sermon. Matt 26:26. "Take, eat; this is my body."
"The Sacrifice of the Mass".
The miracle of Transubstantiation the Central point of the Roman Catholic Service; illustrated from history, Customs & Canons.

Communion had been announced for the Eve. but owing to the Storm was held immediately after P. M. Service.

A goodly number present.
Closed with "Love Divine" &c.

Bouquet. The winter bouquet which has been on the table for sometime was removed.

Palm Sunday: Apr. 10 1870

Beautiful

332 School.

Book. "The Ark." by Kellog.

Tune. "Spirit Land." "Raise to Thee thou great Creator."

General Lesson. "Psalms" & "Proverbs".

Story. Of Miracle plays every decade in Tyrol.

Class Exer. Palm Sunday Cl.

Recitation by Wm Thumway.

333. Service.

Bible. Hebs. 12:1-11. Hymns. 235-534-550.

Sermon. 1 Cor. 15:55 &c. "Sting of Sin is Death."
"Oh Death where is thy sting."
Next to Conquest of Sin is that over Death.
1. Death's Sting is Sin; because 2. Life's Sting is Sin. 3. Remove Sin & the Sting is gone.
4. Difficulty that Sin remains. 5. Removed in Jesus really & by Prophecy & Assurance of God's Grace.

Extra Music. Palm Sunday Anthem. "How beautiful" &c

Flowers. A lovely Spring Bouquet.

In Memoriam References to Mrs. Gershom Adams – & in his memory we sang the last hymn to Dundee.

334. Lecture.

Bible. Mark. 1:32-39.

Sermon. "Methodism".
Text. 1 Cor. 12:5.

Good attendance.

Easter Sunday.
Apr. 17. 1870.

330. School. Rainy.

Book. "Patty Gray's Journey to Baltimore." by Mrs. Dall.

Music. "Coronation". Easter music sung also.

Gen'l Lesson. "Ecclesiastes". Proverbs reviewed.

Class. Ex. Easter Class recitations by all 5 - 3 selections being specially appropriate to the day.

Cards. distributed to scholars under 15 present 3 Consecutive Sundays.

Poor Farm. Mr. Osgood who has just taken the Poor Farm was present with several of the paupers.

336. Service.

Hymns. 427 - 815 - 73.

Bible. Part of Luke 2d - the preaching of John the Baptist.

Sermon. Matt. 3:2. "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The Relations of "Morality & Piety". Purity not induced by Education, Correct theories nor Moral preaching but by Piety. with application to the needs of the Liberal Chh.

This sermon was preached in this pulpit about 3 yrs ago before Mr. Wiggin took final charge of the parish.

Flowers. A basket & bouquet on the table.

Conference. Delegates Chosen.
Mrs. Gershom Adams & Julia Mullen.
Jack, Sarah & Hepsy Wight.
Mr. & Mrs. Richd Richardson of Medway
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Parker.
Mrs. Mary Poole.

Easter Vespers.

7 P.M.

337. Wm Smith presided at the organ.
Miss Robinson sang the soloes.

Order.

1. Organ Voluntary.
2. Sentences during soft music.
3. Anthem: "Christ the Lord has risen".
4. Poem: "Glorious in its heavenly beauty".
5. Carmina for Easter.
6. Hymn 237. "He dies, the friend of sinners dies".
7. Prayer.
8. Response by Choir.
9. Old Testament lesson: Jonah 2.
10. "Guide me O thou great Jehovah."
11. New Testament. Mark 16 - first half.
12. Hymn 250. "Ye humble souls that seek the Lord."
13. Sermon: Job. 14:14. "If a man dies shall he live again." The arguments for Immortality drawn from Nature; human desire, adaptation, growth, Consciousness; life; Universal belief; teachings & resurrection of Jesus; Character of God. to be broken if they stand alone, but together too strong to be broken.
14. "Lord's Prayer" chanted.
15. Hymn 17. "Welcome sweet day of rest". Congregation.
16. Benediction.

Notwithstanding the rainy weather & a lecture at the Baptist chh, a large congregation was present. & the music was very fine.

Sun Apr. 24. 1870. Beautiful.

School.

"Stepping Heavenward". Prentiss.

"I am waiting by the River" 586. Ch. "When I pass" &
"Solomon's Song" & Review of "Ecclesties".

Again distributed & this will every Sunday Continue.

Mary Ann Ellis. Fri. Apr 22. Buried on Mon. 25.
1st Death of a Regular member of the School for 3
years. Music nearly all appropriate & this loss.
especially the 67th which the School could barely
sing for weeping.

339. Service.

Bible. Last half of Romans 3d chap.

Hymns 585 293-93. Affliction.

Sermon. 1 Cor. 15:56. "Strength of Sin is the Law."
Prepared by request of Chas. Hamant.
The Law is the Divine Law, coming from God
& manifested in Nature, Heart, Legislation &
Bible. This law is the Strength of Sin — that
is, it develops the idea of Sin in Connection
with certain actions. Illustrated by Temp-
erance, Gambling, Duelling, Rugby School,
Gladiatorial Shows. Why then make
known the Law? Because it strengthens
virtue as well as Sin.

Prayer. Reference to loss of Mary Ellis & Mrs.
Jason Harding Smith. Largest funeral in Milford.

Flowers. Bouquet on Table.

Funeral. At Mary Ann Ellis' funeral Apr. 25
Rev. S. A. Bush assisted the pastor. & the
Christmas class to which she belonged
sang a Hymn: "Shall we gather at the river".

Installation of Rev. S. C. Williams. Mr. & Mrs. Wheeler chosen delegates to Installation in Gordon Hall, Hyde Park, over the new society there. Mr. Wiggin read the Scriptures.

Medfield.

Easter Vespers were held at the Unitarian church on the evening of the 17th. The sermon by the pastor was a brief consideration of the different proofs of immortality, drawn from human nature, its desires, its growth, its consciousness, its life, its universal belief, its adaptation; from the teachings and resurrection of Jesus; from the illustrations of nature and the character of God. These proofs, said the preacher, may separately be doubted, but together they are too strong to be broken. The text was from Job:—"If a man die, shall he live again?"

The music was of a high order. The hymns were sung to admirable tunes, and the Easter Anthem, "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah," the chants and the responses were unusually excellent; and the chorister deserves great credit for his exertions.

Mr. Wm. B. Smith presided at the organ, (which never sounded better), to enable Miss Robinson to join in the singing. The choir was unusually large, the whole service enjoyable, and the attendance excellent, despite the April rain. The Sunday-school exercises, during the day, were also appropriate to Easter-tide.

May Day. 1870.

Beautiful.

340. School.

Music. German time: "Winter is Reigning" to "Lord of Heaven" & 207
Book. "Young Traders of Elm Island" in Kellogg.
General Letter. Canticles received. Prophets & Isaiah.
Baptism. Several absent attending a Baptism at the Pond of a Town Ridper: Isaac Howe.

341 Service.

Hymns. 563-551-599. Death.
Bible. I Cors. 15:12-32.
Sermon. " " :19. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, then are we of all men most miserable".
This sentiment once believed, now tested.
Craving for personality in immortality.
Without it Death for Ourselves & for others would make us miserable.
& Christians more than others — since if we sacrifice for the Spirit, & to lose both soul & body.
Theories contradict this yet there it stands a fact. for if we be not immortal what care we for lys pleasure; & if the spirit endures no longer than the flesh, wherein is it superior.

In Memoriam. partly Jason Hardy Smith & Mary Ann Ellis.

342. Conference.

Conducted by Mr. Henry Richardson
Subject this Radicalism.

Sun. May. 8. 1870.

342. School.

Book. Life of George Peabody. by Mrs. P. A. Hanaford.

344. Service.

Rev. C. S. Locke preached on Prayer.
"Pray without ceasing."

Collection. Annual collection for the Sunday School Society. Amounting with subsequent additions to $29.00

Flowers. Beautiful bouquets.

REV. C. S. LOCKE of West Dedham, preached at the First Parish Church Sunday, May 8th, and gave a most excellent sermon on prayer—"Pray without ceasing." The annual collection for the Unitarian Sunday-school society was taken, amouuting to $29, more than the assessment made by the Conference.

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Sunday. May 15. 1870.

Beautiful. Thermometer 85°.

3 45 School. Book. "Old Fashioned Girl." Miss Alcott

Music "He leadeth me." Father of Spirits" & 156 Cheshire.

General Lesson Review of Jeremiah.

Speech by pastor on the Schools at Nashua. & the importance of regularly collecting for the Central Societies.

3 46. Service.

Hymns - 201 - 470 - 464.

Bible. Genesis. 22: 1-20. "Sacrifice of Isaac."

Sermon. " 22: 14. "Abraham went & took the Ram & offered him in place of Isaac his son."

1. What was the voice of God or Bath-kol which spoke to men? Conscience?

2. Commoness of human sacrifices, of which this is a specimen. 3. Significance of this event as the point of departure from human sacrifices.

Flowers. Bouquet & Basket.

3 47 Lecture.

Congregational Hymns.

Bible. I Tim. 2: 1-8.

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"UNIVERSALISM."—The closing lecture of the sectarian course at the Unitarian Church, was given last Sunday evening on this subject. "God, who will have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth," was the text. Unitarians fraternize with Universalists more than they can with other sects, and both are counted heretics. Universalists have been hated and called harsh names. Even other liberals once joined in the cry. Opposition mostly means ignorance. *Universalism* originated in the New Testament; but the *denomination* is now celebrating its first centennial. Its origin with John Murray, in 1770, constitutes a mystic romance. The body has now 800 churches in the United States and 600 ministers. Coeval with Methodism, it has not spread so wonderfully, having doctrinal prejudice to encounter. The *Universalist* peculiarity is expressed in that word. Some of its adherents still believe in *immediate* salvation from sin at death; but increasingly all believe in *ultimate* salvation or perfection. In other doctrines they agree with Unitarians, and, with them, discard the notion of endless punishment for the deeds of this life. Good Universalist points are, organization, activity, fraternity, Sunday-school zeal, adaptation and steadfastness in their pet doctrine. The speaker felt himself quite as much a Universalist as Unitarian, but felt compelled to protest against a certain spirit of despotism sometimes showing itself in the sister body, and also to consider the salvation of all men as the *capstone* of the monument, *toward* which we build, rather than the *corner-stone* from which we build. Universalism will live till every soul believes it and experiences salvation in itself. The congregation was large and very attentive, and beautiful flowers graced the pulpit.

Sun. May 22. 1870.

Beautiful. Rev. W. G. Todd of Westboro.

348 School.

Speech. by Mr. Todd.

349 Service. Exchange.

Hymns. 171 - 351 - 107.

Sermon. Star in the East".

REV. W. G. TODD preached by exchange, at the First Church, on the 22d of May. His subject was the "Star in the East." Mr. Todd was a student at Mr. Hepworth's school in Boston, and has recently been settled over the Unitarian Church in Westboro'.

350 Lecture.

"Temperance."

by A. J. Carleton Crosby.

a Phrenological Lecturer.

Hymns. 40 - 887 - 103.

Prayer. Bro Todd.

TEMPERANCE. — Prof. Crosby Carleton lectured on this subject at the Unitarian Church Sunday evening, May 22d, to a good audience. Mr. Carleton was in the war and suffered greatly in Andersonville Prison. He is very hostile to the use of drugs, and carries his opposition to physicians to the utmost verge; and this line of thought occupied a considerable portion of his discourse. Rev. Mr. Todd of Westboro', offered prayer and announced the hymns.

PHRENOLOGY.—Prof. Carleton has lectured on this subject at Curtis Hall, last week and this week, to good audiences, and some of the most prominent citizens have had their heads examined in public. Mr. Carleton well expounds the use of each propensity and its relation to the whole nature. He is a sworn foe to novels of every complexion, to pork, to the culinary art as commonly practised; and believes that his plain statement of physiological and mental truths *must* convince all who listen. He is an easy extemporaneous speaker, and his lectures contain much wholesome advice, mingled with some theories not so well established by science as yet.

Sun. May 29. 1870.

Lord's Day.

351 School.

Music. "Wilmot". "Rest in Peace". Weber.

Book. "Fore Masters" "Mozart & Mendelssohn". by Barnard.

General Lesson. Review of Genesis & Exodus.

Speech. About the Westboro school. by Pastor.

Comm. Misses Fisher chosen for Whitsunday flowers.

352. Service.

Hymns. 783 - 784 - 78.

Bible. John 7: 32-44.

Sermon. John 7: 37.

The last, great day of the feast, Jesus stood & cried — if any man thirst let him come unto me & drink".

A Sketch of the Anniversaries this week.

ANNIVERSARY WEEK.—On Sunday, the 29th of May, Rev. J. H. Wiggin gave to his society his customary report of the interesting meetings of the week before.

353. Conference.

Conducted by Bro. Osgood.

Labor & Prayer.

Speeches by bro. Henry Richardson & Pastor.

Vote. After Service the Communicants remained & voted to have the Sacrament next Sunday at close of p.m. Service; though generally the evening hour is preferred, yet some find it inconvenient.

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WHIT SUNDAY was appropriately observed at the First Church. At the Sunday School there was a reading by a girl belonging to the Whit Sunday class, and an infant son of Mr. Robert Pope, Jr., was baptized. The regular church service was a vesper service in character. The singing, under the direction of Mr. Bigelow, was excellent and varied in character. The sermon, by the pastor, was on the "Need of Trusting more to the Holy Spirit," from the parable of the guest who had not on the wedding garment. After the benediction, the Lord's Supper was administered. The display of flowers was unusually fine. A large cross, decorated by the Misses Fisher, was the central object of attraction. In the evening quite a delegation drove over to attend the anniversary of the South Natick Unitarian Sunday School. The service there was very interesting, and closed with the decoration of the graves of those members who had died during the year past. Addresses were made by the pastor, Rev. H. Alger, Messrs. Henry Richardson, G. W. Kingsbury, and Rev. J. H. Wiggin, of Medfield, and by Mr. Perry, the Superintendent. The music and recitations were of a high order and well given.

Whitsunday. June 5. 1870.
Pleasant & very warm.

354. School. Full.

Book. Miss Sedgwick's "Boy of Mt. Rhigi."

Music. Whitsunday Hymns.

Baptism. Robert Wingate Pope. Son of R. jr & Julia Ellis.
Hymn sung by the school.

General Lesson. on the Pentateuch.

Speech. About the St. Paul. class & their good behavior.

Class. Leondine Kingsbury of the Whitsunday class read poetry.

355. Service. Somewhat thinly attended.

1. Organ. 2. Sentences read. 3. Carmina Alterna.
4. Invocation. 5. Hymn 289. 6. Prayer.
7. Response vocal. 8. Rem: "Broken Armor".
9. Old Testament Reading from Jer. 23: 23-29
10. Anthem. 11. New Test. John 14: 15-26.
12. Hymn 305
13. Sermon: Matt. 22: 11 & 12.
14. Lord's Prayer chanted.
15. Hymn 306. Baleruna. 16. Benediction.

Communion. Closed with hymn 630 Olmutz.

Sunday June 12. 1870
Muggy & pleasant.

356. School.
Pastor absent. by exchange at West Dedham.
Speech. Rev E Gifford of W. D.
Book.

357 Service.
Hymns. 333 - 188 - 101.
Sermon. "The Power of Belief."

REV. E. GIFFORD of West Dedham preached, by exchange, at the First church on Sunday. His subject was, "The effect of a believing spirit on character." Mr. G. is a careful and conscientious thinker, and arrives surely at his ideas, rather than hastily; desiring to hold fast all that which is good, yet not rejecting conclusions simply because they are new. Such a pastor is an honor to any church.

358. Conference.
Leader. Rev. Mr. Gifford.
Speakers. Henry Richardson, Albert Stone, Pastor.
Subject. Prayer - its use.

Sunday June 19. 1870.

Beautiful.

359 School.

Pastor preached in Sherborn in A. M. & only returned for the last part of the School.

Book. Henry Kingsley's "Travels Ancient."

Speech by Pastor. about Natick Anniversary, Sherborn Wooden wedding & West Dedham Sunday school.

Exercises. 2 readings from the Unitarian class.

360 Service.

Hymns. Bible. Matt. 13:24-35

Sermon.

Chas. Dickens.
Parables & Novels.
"& without a story spake Jesus not unto them".

Many strangers present.

361. Conference.

Pastor. led.

Speaking. Henry Richardson, Albert Balch, Abt Stone, Misses Langley & Richardson.

Fine flowers.

Sunday July 10. 1870.
Pleasant.

367. School. 122.

Book. "Hope Darrow" by Virginia F. Townsend.
Tune. 847 Ch. "My God how endless" & Tune "Hark-hark
Extra. A Gondellied sung by "Elysette" class.
Speech. Pastor: about the poverty of Sunday School in Robert Collyer's great parish ~~Cincinnati~~ Chicago. as given in a recent sermon by Mr. C.
Story. by Pastor about Suspicious circumstances Connected with the loss of a piece of money.
General Lesson. Samuel & Kings - review.

368. Service.

Hymns. 116 - 382. - 140. Peterboro.
Bible. Eccles: 3:1-12. Matt. 11.: 12-20.
Sermon. " 3:4. "A time to weep & to laugh".
Extreme classes. The gloomy so born & so from principle. The frivolous ditto.
The Christian standpoint = to be neither gloomy nor frivolous from principle but to be true & pure & let nature guide the rest.

Pastor stated that he had an invitation to spend a month in Kansas City. Permission granted him to go.

Conference.

369.

Led. by Dr. Richardson.
Speakers. Mrs. Grant, Henry Richardson - Pastor.
Prayer by Letter.

Flowers. fine.

Sunday: July 17. 1870.

The last Sunday of the Season

371. School.

Book "Ben the Luggage Boy." by Alger.

Speech. Dr. Richardson

372 Service.

Rev. J. W. Thompson D. D.

Exchange. Jamaica Plain.

Hymns. 20 - 178. - 59. Bible. II Pet. 1st chapter.

Sermon. "Let your light so shine before men" &c Duty of opening the Truth we believe & Sentiments we hold to the world, that men may glorify God. & not merely for the sake of the example.

Meeting.

Henry Fowle.

[From a Special Correspondent.]

MR. EDITOR,—I am spending the summer in the pleasant town of Medfield; and yesterday, notwithstanding the hot weather, went to the Unitarian church, where I heard a very interesting discourse from Rev. Dr. Thompson of Jamaica Plain. After the services were ended, we were requested to stop a moment to hear something from the chairman of the standing committee, and this is what I wish to tell you about. It seems that Mr. Wiggin, the pastor, has had an invitation to go to Kansas City, Missouri, to supply a pulpit there, with the idea, all things being satisfactory, perhaps to remain somewhere in the West. On the previous Sunday this was brought before the society, and the members, thinking that it would be a pleasant trip for Mr. Wiggin, and that it would require only a few weeks' absence, passed a vote advising him to accept the invitation. During the week, however, it became known to some of the members that if all things were agreeable, Mr. Wiggin would be expected to remain; they then concluded they had made a mistake, and yesterday Mr. Chas. Hamant, chairman of the standing committee, called this meeting and stated the case. Dr. Richardson moved a reconsideration of the vote of the week previous, which was passed unanimously. Mr. Henry Richardson immediately moved that Mr. Wiggin should remain at home. This appeared to please all, and not only the gentlemen but the ladies stood up and voted for it. This seemed to me rather hard after having advised him to accept an invitation which would not only cost him nothing, but would enable him to see a portion of our great western country; but I was relieved when Mr. Amos Shumway moved that Mr. Wiggin should have two weeks' vacation at his option. This motion having unanimously passed, Mr. Wiggin then addressed the meeting, stating the circumstances of the invitation and thanking the congregation for their kind "votes of confidence" in his ministry, after which Dr. Thompson made some very appropriate remarks, alluding to the pastor in very warm and generous terms. The meeting then closed by singing the Doxology.

Now, Mr. Editor, your correspondent being an outsider, am not expected to know much of the affairs of this church, or Medfield; but Mr. Wiggin seems to me to be a good, earnest man, who takes an interest in the affairs of his people, knows their families, their wants, and sympathizes with them, and is just such a man as is needed, not only here, but in hundreds of places; and I *do* think his society should do what they can to keep him contented; for should it be known that he could be tempted to change his place, you may rest assured the temptation would not be long coming.

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that the example may lead men to God, the preacher enforced the duty of putting the lamps of truth, sentiment, and religious opinion, especially about Christ, upon the *lamp stand.* "Peter, at his denial, put his lamp under a bushel with curses." The sermon contained a finely expressed tribute to Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

REV. J. W. THOMPSON, D.D., of Jamaica Plain, occupied the Unitarian pulpit last Sunday. It is seldom one hears such admirable scripture reading as the Dr. gave. The sermon was on the text: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." After setting forth the difference between acting merely for the sake of example, and acting from principle

Conference

373:

Leader. Mr. Henry Richardson.

Speakers. Pastor. Albert Stone. Mary Sewall.

Sunday July 24. 1870.

Very hot. Attendence good.

374 School. 107.

Music. + Gondellied: Ch 20 "Again the Lord of Life & Light."

Book. Tom Hughes' "Life of Alfred the Great."

Speech. Absent Mess. Jas. Walker, who was here last Sunday; the heat; attention good.

General Lesson. Chronicles + Ezra: review.

375 Service.

Hymns. 739 - 357 - 45. Hebron.

Bible. Last part of Matt. 7.

Sermon. Matt. 13:33. The parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like Leaven" &c.

Suggested by a recent Boston meeting.

MEDFIELD.

CHURCHES.—The tide of city agitation reaches hitherward also. Some weeks ago a sermon was delivered at the Unitarian church on "The Story, the Modern Parable," apropos to the death of Dickens. Last Sunday the discourse was suggested by the recent meeting of Boston Baptist preachers to overhaul Rev. Mr. Murray and decide Mr. Dickens' final estate in the other world. Taking the parable of the leaven leavening the whole lump for a text, these points were considered: The extraordinary character of the meeting itself; the logical and theological consistency of Mr. Fulton and his friends; the influence of liberal ideas; the need of proclaiming the true gospel in Boston and everywhere. Under this last head, the speaker referred to Rev. G. H. Hepworth's recent strictures on the Boston Unitarian pulpit, as declining in scholarship and eloquence, and briefly sketched the noble work of Foote, Cheney, Thayer, Cudworth, Clarke, Hale, Tilden, Gannett, Ellis, Robbins, Ager, Lothrop, and Winkley, whom he styled the best minister-at-large since Jesus filled that place in Palestine. At the close of service Mr. Wiggin announced that he had declined to go west at present, and hoped this decision might never be regretted by the society or himself.

376 Conference.

Leader. Geo. W. Kingsbury

Speakers. Mary Sewall, Henry Richardson, Albert Stone, Dr. Richardson, Mr. Osgood, Pastor.

Subject. Joining the church — the hindrances.

misplaced

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Fri. July 15. 1870.

Funeral.

MEDFIELD.

Robert Pope, Esq., died suddenly on the evening of Thursday, July 14th. Mr. Pope was liable to epileptic fits. In one of these he fell near his house, somewhat injuring his lower right cheek. The doctor was called, but the old gentleman only breathed once or twice, and then passed on, quietly as a child.

Mr. Pope was born in Boston in 1794, and was nearly 76 at the time of his decease. He was a skilful and educated artificer in clocks, watches, and kindred instruments, and pursued his calling, for many years, in Hallowell, Maine, where he was greatly esteemed as an honest, pure citizen. At about the age of 60 he had a third apoplectic attack, which left him during the remaining years of his life a shadow of his former self. A few years ago, by the bequest of the late Pascal Pope, Esq., of Boston, his cousin, the family were placed in easy circumstances, and removed to Medfield. The people of this town have known Mr. Pope only in the evening of life. Though deprived of speech, his genial smile made it pleasant to meet him, and it was with a regretful thought that the village heard the tolling bell announcing his death.

Owing to the weather and the disease, the last sad offices took place in the Unitarian church at sunset on the same day. The pastor spoke of the fruits of true religion in Mr. Pope's life; of the smile upon his face as he lay in the coffin; of the thoughtful kindliness of his old and infirm age; and of his interest in the church of his faith, for he was a decided Unitarian Christian. In the prayer there were special references to the widow, and to his only surviving child Robert, whose devoted and self-sacrificing attentions to his father followed him to the last; and to the little grandchild, recently baptized with the grandsire's name upon him. The scriptures, selected from different parts of the Bible, were appropriate to the good man's dumb condition during the latter years, and to other circumstances of his career. The hymns sung by the congregation, were:—

"When in the vale of lengthened years,"

and

"How sweet the hour of closing day."

Especially timely was the verse—

"Mark but that radiance of his eye,
That smile upon his wasted cheek;
They tell us of his glory nigh,
In language that no tongue can speak."

As we came from the church, the setting sun did indeed

"Shed mellow lustre o'er the scene."

The following poem, by Mrs. Howitt, was read but not sung:—

Oh spirit, freed from earth,
Rejoice! Thy work is done!
The weary world's beneath thy feet,
Thou brighter than the sun.

Arise! put on the robes
That the redeemed win;
Now sorrow hath no part in thee,
Thou sanctified within.

Awake and breathe the air
Of the celestial clime!
Awake to love which knows no change,
Thou who hast done with time.

Awake, lift up thine eyes!
See, all heaven's host appears!
And be thou glad exceedingly,
Thou who has done with tears.

Ascend! Thou art not now
With those of mortal birth;
The living God hath touched thy lips,
Thou who hast done with earth.

We came from this burial service feeling anew how right and beautiful it is to have these solemn rites in the church, where "prayer is wont to be made," and at the twilight hour, when nature sinks to rest.

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Sunday July 31st 1870.

Pleasant.

Pastor in New York.

377. School. full.

Book. "Shipbuilders" by Kellogg.

378 Service.

Mr. Bizelow played the organ.

379. Conference.

Many Speeches

HON. JOHN C. PARK, President of the Norfolk Conference, occupied the Unitarian pulpit last Sunday, to the great satisfaction of his audience. He addressed the Snuday-school, saying that it shonld be a *means*, not an end, and spoke to the Bible Class abont church membership. This snbject he continned at the evening conference, which was qnite fully attended. The sermon in the afternoon was on God sending men as they are needed. The services of the day were somewhat interrnpted by the unexpected absence of the organist, which is acconnted for by an item in the marriage section.

Sunday. Aug: 7th. 1870.
very hot.

380. School. 100.
Book. Cooper's "Deerslayer".
General Lesson. Esther: & Nehemiah. Review.
Class. Myrtle Class Day.
Recitations by 4 girls; one by Mabel Morse, written by her mother about little Annie Richardson. who died in Spring.
Organist. Pastor played.

381 Service.
Bible. Matt. 26:1–5. Hymns 136–285–269.
Sermon Luke 22:19. "This do in remembrance of me".
The Communion not a Command or Institution in the common sense, but arising from the loving, responsive wish of the disciples to honor Jesus in memory of the Last Supper.
On account of hoarseness, all Services but Sermon much abridged.
Communion. as usual. Hymn 633.
Flowers. Cross covered by Mrs. Geo. A. Kingsbury.

382. Lecture.
Hymns. 852–450–45. Bible. Ps. 23d.

NORFOLK.—In place of Rev. J. H. Wiggin of Medfield, who suffered from severe hoarseness, Rev. C. A. Staples preached at the old church last Sunday evening, on the trials which come through temptation and sin, and which in the language of the apostle Peter, "we ought not to think strange." A collection was taken; Mr. Wiggin conducted the preliminary services, and announced another service next Sunday evening at 5.45 o'clock.

NORFOLK COUNTY.—Rev. C. A. Staples, of Chicago, last Sunday preached in the afternoon at Franklin, on "Proving all Things." In early evening at Norfolk, on "Fiery Trials of Sin and the Duties which come from them"; and later in the evening at Medfield, on "Men Rising or Falling to their own Places." This was a very able discourse, and illustrated by the lives of George IV., John Pounds, Napoleon, Washington, Goethe and Byron. It closed with a fine tribute to Jesus, the Christ, as waxing in influence to his glorious heaven.

Rev. C. A. Staples, of Chicago, will preach in the Unitarian Church at Medfield to-morrow evening. Service begins at 7 1-2 o'clock.

REV. CARLTON A. STAPLES of Chicago preached in the Unitarian church last Sunday evening to a good audience. Rev. W. B. Smith of Walpole conducted the opening exercises. The sermon was a very fine one on the text about Judas, who "went to his own place;" and the general thought was this, that not only in the future, but in this world, men gravitate to their own places in public opinion, sometimes rising, sometimes falling. This theme was elaborately illustrated by reference to George IV., John Pounds, Napoleon, Washington, Goethe, and Byron. The sermon closed with a beautiful tribute to Jesus. Once counted a malefactor, and as such crucified, afterwards elevated to the Godhead, now Jesus is gloriously finding his own heavenly place in the world, as Leader and Saviour. Some 25 years have elapsed since Mr. Staples was a teacher in this town, and many friends were glad to hear him for the first time as a preacher. After graduating at the Meadville Theological school, he was settled over the Meadville Church, which he left to become colleague of Rev. Dr. Eliot of St. Louis. The war drew him into its ranks. Later he became pastor of the church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, of which his brother, Rev. N. A. Staples, had been the minister. He left this post to assume the responsible position of Western Secretary of the Unitarian Association. Having his headquarters at Chicago, through his efforts a third parish was formed in that city, of which he became the pastor. Mr. Staples is a native of Mendon in this State.

CHURCH MUSIC.—Mr. William Smith, well known in this county for his musical talent, has been engaged to take charge of the organ and music at the Unitarian church, and entered last Sunday upon the discharge of this duty. His presence at the organ is a great acquisition to the society. At the Sunday-school it was voted to invite Miss Annie Clarke to play the cabinet organ, the school to defray the expense of instruction.

Sunday: Aug. 14 1870.

Cloudy & cool. Still.

383. School.

Book. Walter Aimwell's "Jessy."

Time. "Adieu" 844. "When Streaming from" &

Lesson. Review about Job & Psalms.

Vote. To buy "Old Town Folks" for the Library

384 Service.

Bible Ex. 33:11 throgh. & Revs. 4:1-5.

Hymns. Rain: 741 - 139 - 104

Prayer. Special notice of the rain which has broken the Drought.

Sermon. Seeing God.

Matt. 5:8. "Blessed are the Pure in heart for they shall see God" God not to be seen in form either here or hereafter. Death to the pure brings vast unfoldings — to the impure, nothing.

Collection. About $20 for the Sunday School.

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Conference. Conducted by Albert Stone.

Flowers.

Pastor gave same sermon in Walpole & Norfolk, A. M. & Eve.

Sunday: Aug. 21. 1870

386. School.
Book. Life of Jas. P. Walker.
Music. Miss Annie Clarke begins to play the organ.

387 Service.
Rev. Wm Brown of Sherborn.
Sermon. On material views of heaven & hell.

388. Conference.
Leader. Rev. Mr. Brown.

Sunday Aug. 28. 1870
Cloudy & Pleasant.

389 School.
Book. "Lives of famous women". English work.
Tune. "The Shining Shore"
Class. Beecher Class unprepared.
General Lesson. Review on Proverbs & Ecclesiastes.
Speech Pastor about Barre Sunday School.

390 Service.
Hymns. 353 - 110 - 140.
Bible. Gala. 5: 1-14.
Sermon. " " : 1.
"Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ makes free & be not entangled again in the Yoke of Bondage."
The Sterling Camp meeting suggests the better work of other denominations. Then why stand we separate? 1. There are 2 ways of training Children, Constraint & freedom; the latter makes the best men. 2. In the State, freedom also does the best work; e.g. France with its present war & the United States. 3. In the Church, better our leanness in liberty than bondage to Creed or Superstition - yet for the future we hope for & work for freedom which leads to work.

391.
Conference
Leader. Geo. W. Kingsbury.
Many Speakers.

Pastor - preached in Norfolk in the eve.

394 Conference. Sept. 4. Leader Pastor.
Speakers. Mary Lewall, Mrs. Wolcott, Albert Stone.

Sun. Sept. 4. 1870.

Warm & Pleasant.

392 School. well attended.
Book. T. S. Arthur's "Wife".
Music. Practised the "Te Deum" with Mr. Smith to play the small organ.
Class. Whittier Class gave 3 readings.
General Lesson. Review on Canticles & Isaiah.
Lectures. A Lecture course was announced. Children to receive a ticket for every 5 they sell. Profits to go to the Sunday Schools.
Comm. Messrs Hartshorn, Goulding & Green & Masters Laprelette Wheeler, Warren Adams & Wm. Weiker were chosen to take ticket at the doors.

Good House.

393 Service. 3 Bouquets.
Hymns. 759-766-81. Bible. Acts 20:28 through.
Sermon. Acts 20:31. "Paul 3 yrs at Ephesus in tears" &c 3d Anniversary Sermon.

138 Services. 2 Funerals. 4 Vespers. 11 Lectures. 1 Storm. 20 Conferences. 51 Schools. 2 Extras. 48 Regular. 2 Grove meetings.

Pastor Preached 69 times; 26 elsewhere in 14 places. 43 in Mfd. 16 Other Clergy & 1 Laymen in this Pulpit. 620 Calls. 120 Sick. 17 religious & school 52 Sessions. Pastor at 47 here & elsewhere (12) 9 funerals. (1 elsewhere) 6 Communions. 6 weddings. (3 more by others) (3 from elsewhere.) 1 Baptism. No additions to the Chh.

2 Partial Picnics. 3 Coteries. Christmas Festival. Canton, Dorchester, Quincy & Dover Conference attended. Also May meeting, Norfolk Sunday School Society. & Hyde Park Installation.

20 Sewing Circles. Flowers. & Music.

$265 given inside. Small organ 125. School. 32. Singing School 98. Children's Mission 15. $112 " outside Unitarian Assn. 67. Sun. Sch. Soc'y. 30 Also boxes of books to Meadville & Boston, & box of goods to Louisville.

Sun. Sep. 11 1870.
Lovely & cool & Crisp.

Dr. Eben Tourjée: Mus. Doc.

395 School.
Book. "Letter Everywhere" - Ill
Music. "Te Deum" practised.
General Lesson. Review Jeremiah.

396 Service. P. M.
Hymns 113-113-114. "Song". Bible I Cor. 14 about music.

397 "Praise Meeting."
20 bouquets. Cross.

There was an interesting "Praise Meeting" at Medfield last Sunday evening. The church was crowded. Dr. Tourjee conducted the services, and the meeting was a conclusive illustration of the quickening and inspiring influence of congregational singing. The members of all the religious societies of the town were present. On one point there should be a change. In a congregation made up so largely of Unitarians, there should have been a different selection of the words of the hymns. On this occasion there were several which in sentiment were wholly at war with the Unitarian idea of God and religion. If all are expected to join as one heart and mind the sacred convictions of a portion should be regarded. With the single exception above named the meeting was a success. The plan is excellent and should be carried out in all of our parishes.

MEDFIELD.

Dr. E. Tourjee, Director of the New England Conservatory of Music, spent last Sunday in town, advancing the cause for which he is so rightly zealous,—the participation of the people in the service of music in the church. The doctor has well earned his degree of Doctor in Music, unexpectedly conferred by Middletown college, by establishing so admirable a school as his conservatory, with its scores of first class instructors, its eight hundred pupils, its many concerts, and its unrivalled opportunities to grow in music and receive the best teaching at low prices. The doctor is not a foreigner, as so many fancy, but a Yankee born and bred, tracing his ancestors back two centuries in New England. In the morning of Sunday, he lectured at the Baptist church on Sunday-school singing. Rev. A. W. Carr, pastor of the church, conducted the other services. The house was well filled. The speaker argued that children can sing wonderfully and learn the elements in tender years; that music is seminal, and its germs never eradicated; that music specially attracts in Sunday-school, and keeps the children awake, when properly conducted. He considered none of the books satisfactory, but rather advised the use of cards or rolls. In the afternoon the lecture was at the Unitarian church, which was very full. The regular services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Wiggin, through whose exertions Mr. Tourjee visited Medfield. The subject was "Music in Church." He had been converted from the popular quartette and small choir singing by hearing Luther's "Strong Castle" sung in a great German congregation. Few people appreciate artistic singing, and the people ought to join as a duty, using in worship every divine gift. Congregational choir singing is practicable. Musicians stand in its way, as the speaker himself formerly did, but the people must take the music into their own mouths. The *will* only is wanting, and music contains a word of life for the outside world. The lecture was full of true suggestions and happy illustrative stories. There was no service at the Orthodox church, and the members of that congregation were present in large numbers. The closing hymn was sung by the congregation with excellent heart.

Praise Meeting.—In the evening, the Unitarian church was thronged for this service. Many could not obtain seats. Some twenty bouquets and a beautiful floral cross decorated the building, as in the afternoon. Dr. Tourjee presided at the cabinet organ in front. First playing the tune, he asked all to join, and the congregation did join, led by Mr. Wm. Smith on the large organ. After a few trials the singing was glorious. A few perverse souls possibly shut their mouths, and criticized their neighbors, but those sang who never sang before; and some who never will again. The pastor invited all to show their thanks to Mr. Tourjee, not by rising, but by putting money into the boxes for the North Street Boston Mission, in which he is so much interested, and which is doing so good a work among the worst people. Thirty-six dollars were collected. The director sang a sweet solo called "Good-bye." He spoke of the delights of such union meetings, and how much easier it is to *sing* away sectarian differences than to argue them down.

Sun. Sept. 18. 1870.
Breezy & Cloudy & pleasant.

399 School.
Chiefly devoted to preparation for the Anniv.
Comm. Mrs. Geo. Morse, Mr. Henry Richardson & Albert Stone appointed to arrange for some recitations.
Names of scholars who have not been absent a single Sunday, save by illness, collected; also those who have brought in new scholars.
Book. "Stories from Dickens."

~~399~~ Service.
Hymns. 359-192. Sung by congregation, facing the pulpit, Mr. Geo. Bigelow playing the small
400 organ in front & the Organist the large one in gallery, à la Tourjée last Sunday.
Very successful. One good is that standing in Hymn before sermon, roused the audience for the sermon to follow. An Anthem took the place of the 1st Hymn.
Bible. Matt. 18. Parable of the unmerciful Servant.
Sermon. Isai. 2:5. "Come Oh house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord."
1. The brotherhood of man is hoped for & prayed for universally. 2. It is not achieved, as witness wars & quarrels. 3. It is sought in the wrong way; "Come to my side" is the cry. 4. Brotherhood can be had only by making it day by day.
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Conference.
Led by Mr. Henry Richardson.
Speakers. Pastor, Albert Stone, Mary Sewall.

Sunday. Sept. 25. 1870.

Old pastor — Rev. S. W Bush.

Pastor. Missionary Service at Union — Maine.

403 School.

Book. "Patty Gray" Series. 3d volume.

Music. Annie Clerke sick & Emma Bruce kindly took her place.

Speech by Mr. Bush. Change in Children. Closed early.

404. Service.

Sermon. "Jacob wrestling with the Angel."
Time of choice in every life.

Flowers.

Music. As last Sunday — Congregational.

405. Conference.

Leader. Mr. Bush.

Speakers. Dr. Richardson. Henry Richardson, Albert Stone. Mary Sewall.

Monday Eve. Sept. 12. 1870

398* Lecture.
Rev. Warren H. Cudworth.
Vt. of Course. Vide page 191.

REV. WARREN H. CUDWORTH of East Boston gave the opening lecture at the Unitarian church on Monday evening, Sept. 12th. His subject, "The Law of Progress the Secret of Success; Persevering Labor." Mrs. Mary A. Livermore will lecture next Monday evening, Sept. 19th, on the "Reason Why."

402. Monday. Eve. Sept. 19. 1870.
2d Lecture.
Mrs. Mary A. Livermore.

MEDFIELD.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, editor-in-chief of the *Woman's Journal*, lectured at the First Church, Monday evening, Sept. 19th, on "The Reason Why." Her theme was Woman's Suffrage, which she presented in an able and clear manner, for an hour and twenty minutes, considering what women do wish and what they do not. Her descriptions were especially felicitous and forcible.

The audience was very large, and comprised many persons from neighboring towns. Mrs. Livermore ranks deservedly as one of the first orators in the country.

The next Lecture will be on Monday evening, Oct. 3, by Pelham W. Ames. Subject, "The Chinese in California."

THE ANNIVERSARY of the Unitarian Sunday School will take place next Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2, at 3 o'clock. In case of a severe storm, it will be postponed.

406 Lecture.
Rev. Elias Nason.

"GREENBACKS."—Rev. Elias Nason of North Billerica, gave his lecture on this subject at the Unitarian church on Thursday evening, Sept, 29, to a large audience. The general subject was the good of money and the righteousness of its acquisition, but the abomination of its misuse. The tendency to worship money alone, and seek it chiefly, constituted the great danger of the age. The lecture abounded in good stories and pointed hits, and fairly bubbled over with wit and fancy, keeping the hearers in a perpetual experience, expectation, and titillation of delight. Nobody could fail to enjoy its mingled humor and religion, and "Greenbacks" ought everywhere to abound this season.

Sunday. Oct. 2. 1870.

407 Book. "Daily Bread". Stories by Hale &c.
Preparation & rehearsal for the Anniversary Exercises in the P. M.

409 Lecture. Mon. Oct. 3.

"CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA."—Pelham W. Ames of Longwood lectured on this topic Monday evening, Oct. 3d. Without any attempt at rhetoric the lecture was a "plain, unvarnished tale" of the fashions and life of the Orientals on the Pacific coast. Specially funny were the sketches of physicians and medicines, the Chinese Theatre, and the children; while throughout there was a vein of humanity and right feeling towards our Chinese fellow-citizens. The lecture was very timely and well presented. It did "nothing extenuate nor set down aught in malice." Next week there will be two entertainments. Monday, Oct. 10, J. Q. A. Brackett will speak about "Work and Play." Friday, Oct. 14, Rev. John Snyder will read from Dickens.

...re church members, and five-eighths of the teachers. The general opinion, as reported, was in favor of keeping up the organization of a church within the society.

After the singing of a hymn, the discussion of the question was resumed, and earnest speeches were made by the President and Rev. Mr. Hinckley. The morning session closed by prayer from Rev. S. W. Bush.

The members of the Conference then repaired to the room above the hall, and passed a pleasant hour in partaking of the bountiful hospitalities of the society at Needham.

At 2 o'clock the Conference resumed its session. After the singing of a hymn, and prayer by Rev. A. Ayer, the committee reported as delegates to the National Conference Rev. F. Hinckley, Mrs. S. W. Bush, Mr. R. C. Humphreys. The discussion of the question was then resumed, and remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Piper, Messrs. Porter and Clapp, Rev. Messrs. Wiggin, Ayer, Mumford. Mrs. Gifford was thanked for her essay, Mr. Wiggin for his report, the friends at Needham and Grantville for their hospitality, and Mr. Tucker for railroad facilities.

Norfolk Conference.

Notwithstanding the unpleasant weather, a large number gathered in the Town Hall at Needham, on Thursday, Oct. 6th. The hall was finely decorated with flowers. At half-past ten the President, Hon. John C. Park, called the Conference to order, and after prayer by Rev. Mr. Vorse, a committee of three were chosen to nominate delegates to the National Conference. Rev. Mr. Wiggin offered the following resolution which, after a brief discussion, passed with only one dissenting vote:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Conference the funds of the American Unitarian Association are judiciously used for Christian purposes; that the Association is worthy of the entire confidence of the Unitarian denomination; and that the Unitarian Association is accordingly commended this autumn to the generosity of the churches composing the Norfolk Conference.

The Conference then listened to the reading of an essay by Mrs. Gifford, of West Dedham, on the Relation of the Church to the Society. The address was characterized by freshness, beauty and force. While not urging special claims for the church as an exclusive organization, the speaker recognized the uses of the church as a spiritual force. Even many who had "outgrown" the church had been largely indebted to it for what they were. The various points of the essay were urged with marked ability.

Mrs. Gifford presented the subject from the standpoint of ideas. Rev. Mr. Wiggin immediately followed with a report in behalf of the committee appointed at a previous Conference. This was an admirable complement to the essay, and gave many interesting facts bearing on the question. The committee sent a circular to the societies in the Conference, and to several others, and embodied the result in their report. In eleven churches of the Conference, not including some of the largest, there were 165 male and 565 female members. The average attendance in these eleven congregations on the Sunday service was 1900. During the past twenty years there had been a decided increase of members of the church. The largest number were between thirty and fifty years old. Two-thirds of the officers of the Sunday-school wa-

To the ..... *Church in* .....

under the pastoral charge of

Rev. .....

BRETHEREN ; —

The next Meeting of the "Norfolk Conference of Unitarian and other Christian Churches." will be held with the First Parish in Needham, Rev. A. B. Vorse, Pastor, on THURSDAY, October 6th, at 10.30, A. M., precisely.

Mrs. E. Gifford, of West Dedham, will read an Essay on "*The Value of the Church as distinct from the Parish.*"

The Committee, chosen at the April Meeting, will also report on the condition of the Churches among us.

You are requested to be present, by your Pastor and at least six delegates.

Cars leave the Albany Station, Boston, at 9.45. A. M.

On account of the distance of the Needham Church from the Railroad, the meeting will be in the New Hall, near the Needham depot.

Yours in Christian Faith and Work,

FREDERIC HINCKLEY

Secretary.

September 18, 1870.

Sun. P. M. Oct. 2. 1870.
3 o'clock.

408. Sunday School Anniversary.

1. Organ. Mrs. Wm Smith.
2. "Children obey your parents" &c readly minister.
3. Hymn 16. "Ye nations round the Earth rejoice."
   Music. Liberty. Duett from "Puritani". 3 verses in One.
4. Responsive Reading. Minister & School.
5. Spontaneous Response, Young ladies & Chorus –
   "He leadeth me." 2 vs.
6. Prayer. & Organ Response
7. Doxology read.
8. Hymn. 814. "The bird that soars" – 1st & 3d vs.
   Music – "Masaniello."

Gen. 37/9. 9. Bible Reading. Joseph's Dreams of Sheaves &c

10. 707. "Lord of Heaven & Earth & Ocean".
    Tune: "Winter is Reigning". 1st & 3d vs.
11. Report of Superintendent.
12. Anniversary Hymn. 668. "Evening Hymn"
    "From year to year".
13. Report of Secretary.
14. 552. "In the broad fields of heaven".
    Tune: "The way he leads".
15. Report of Librarian &c.
16. Distribution of Prizes.

Teachers.	Regular Attendance.	Scholars.
Mrs. Hewins.		Hattie Rowle
Sarah Wright.		Mabel Morse.
Henry Richardson		Annie Richardson
Mrs. Geo. Morse.		Shotty "
Abbie Russell.		Jacob Bruce
Louis Gooding.		Edwin Rhoades.
Mrs. A. Kingsbury.		Emily Wicker
		Frank Hyde
Bringing New Scholars.		Eddie Mason
Charlie Stevens.		Jenny Clarke
Fred Allen.		Lafrelette Wheeler
Albert Stone.		Alden Wheeler.
		Esther Bullard

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17. 571. "I would not live Alway."
18. Emblems sent to bereaved families.
Dr. Richardson. Henry Richardson.
Samuel Ellis. Cushing Lane.
Jonathan Adams. Geo. A. Smith.
Wm. Q. Fisher. Mrs. Gardner.
Hamlet Wight. Mrs. Gershom Adams.
Robert Pope.

19. ~~272~~ Recitations.
original. "Anniversary." Wm Shumway.
"Sunset." Annie Richardson.
original. "Death of Annie Richardson." Mabel Morse.
original. "Our Anniversary." Jennie Clarke.
20. 272. "Rebel, helpless, how shall I?"
Tune. Hiyat. 2 Vs.
21. Recitations
"Life of Trust." Ellen Carey.
"Mary hath chosen the better part." Eliza Richardson.
22. Jackson's "Te Deum in A."
23. Catechism.
24. 37. "Lord in Heaven thy dwelling Place".
Tune: "Scots wha hae" 1 Vs.
25. Address. Rev. A. Alger.
26. 20. "Once more the Lord of Life & Light."
Tune = "Gondola."
27. Recitations.
"How the gates came ajar." Ada Roberts.
"My Sunday School." Esther Bullard.
"Don't give up". Hattie Fowle.
28. 74. "To Thee be Praise Forever".
Tune. "Beautiful story of Jesus".
29. Address. Rev. C. S. Locke.
30. Delegates to Needham Conference appointed.
Wheeler, Hamlet Wight, Masons, B. F. Shumway's,
Hall girls, Mrs. Orion & Jonathan Wight.

Also to New York Conference =

OFFICE OF THE
Unitarian Sunday-School Society,
42, Chauncy Street,

Boston, Oct. 1, 1870.

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindness to give notice of the Sunday-School Convention, in your Church, and have the accompanying particulars read to your Sunday-School Teachers: urging their attendance.

L. J. LIVERMORE,
Secretary.

The Annual Meeting

OF THE

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SOCIETY

WILL BE HELD AT

The Church of the Unity, Springfield, Mass.,

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, OCT. 12 AND 13.

THE Meeting will begin on Wednesday, at 2.30 P.M.; at which time the Records of the last meeting will be read, the Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports presented, and other business attended to, including the election of officers for the ensuing year.

At 7.30 there will be Religious Services in the Church. Sermon by Rev. RUSH R. SHIPPEN, of Worcester.

Thursday morning, there will be a Conference Meeting at 9 o'clock. At 10, an Essay will be read by Rev. GEO. A. THAYER, of South Boston, on "The Province of the Sunday School in Education," to be followed by discussion.

A general representation of our Churches and Schools is earnestly solicited.

L. J. LIVERMORE,

Secretary S. S. Society.

THE THIRD CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY

OF SPRINGFIELD

Cordially tender the hospitality of their homes to pastors and delegates from other Societies, who may attend the Sunday-School Convention to be held in this city, Oct. 12 and 13.

Delegates are requested to send their names in advance, so far as is convenient, to Rev. Charles A. Humphreys, Springfield, so as to facilitate the assignment of homes.

Free return tickets over the Boston and Albany and the Connecticut River Railroads will be supplied by the Secretary at the Convention.

A committee will be in attendance at the Chapel of the Church of the Unity after twelve o'clock, Wednesday noon, to receive delegates and assign them homes.

Horse-cars run every fifteen minutes from the Boston and Albany Station directly to the Church.

F. S. BAILEY,
JAMES A. RUMRILL,
WM. G. GORDON,
J. R. SMITH,
} *Committee.*

Springfield, Oct. 1, 1870.

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Dr. J. A. Richardson Rev. C. C. Sewall.

31 299. "Gracious Spirit."
Tune: "In the Light."
32. Lord's Prayer in Concert. Bro. Ayers.
32. 108. "Part in Peace." Wilmot. Congregation.
33. Benediction. Bro. Locke.

MEDFIELD.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY. — This service took place in the Unitarian Church last Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2d. The exercises occupied one hour and three-quarters, and the house was crowded. After a Responsive Reading, some young ladies sung a spontaneous hymn, all joining in the chorus, "He leadeth me." The school repeated, after the pastor, an extemporaneous prayer. The secretary, Louis Goulding, reported the school increased in numbers, and gave some interesting statistics of attendance. G. W. Kingsbury, treasurer and librarian, reported the funds in a prosperous condition, and the library as increased by one or two books every Sunday in the year. Moses Hartshorn, Superintendent, said that the other reports included his. Agreeably to a promise made a year ago, the pastor presented to three pupils prize books for bringing in new scholars, and also to three teen boys and girls for never being absent from the school unless detained by illness. Two officers and five teachers were remembered in like manner. The hymn, "I would not live alway," was sung, and illuminated texts and crosses were given to members of families bereaved during the year. Jackson's "Te Deum in F" was sung. The pastor gave a brief review of the oral general lessons given to the school during the year on the Books of the Old Testament, from Genesis to the Prophets, closing with the repetition of a Proverb by each class. Eight girls and one boy recited poems, four of which were original and related to the school and the departed. Revs. H. Alger of South Natick and C. S. Locke of West Dedham, made short complimentary addresses. An "Anniversary Hymn" was sung to the good old tune of "Bishop Kenn's Evening Hymn." The service was interspersed with nine songs besides those already mentioned, and closed with the Lord's Prayer in concert and Wilmot, "Part in Peace." Delegations were present from Walpole, Natick, and Dover, and with a few exceptions, the whole of the large audience remained interested spectators to the close. The floral decorations were very fine, and the entire service evinced that co-operation which is so needful in a church. Rev. Mr. Eaton of the Orthodox Society was present. Flowers were sent to the sick and presented to the clergy.

NORFOLK UNITARIAN CONFERANCE.

This body held a very interesting session in Needham, Thursday Oct. 6th. As the church was so far from the railroad the meetings were in the new hall opposite the station. At half past ten the room was full, and Hon. John C. Park, the President, took the chair. Rev. A. B. Vorse, the Needham and Grantville minister, prayed. Rev. F. Hinckley read the usual reports. On motion of Rev. T. J. Mumford, Revs. G. M. Folsom and Wm. Brown, and Mr. Eben. Clapp were appointed a committee to nominate delegates to the National Conference, which meets in New York, Oct. 19. This committee subsequently reported the names of Rev. F. Hinckley, Mrs. S. W. Bush, and Mr. R. C. Humphreys of Dorchester, who were chosen. Rev. J. H. Wiggin introduced the following resolution, which, after some amendments and debate, was finally passed in its original shape with only one or two dissenting votes.

Resolved—That in the opinion of this Conference, the funds of the American Unitarian Association are judiciously used for Christian purposes; that the Association is worthy of the entire confidence of the denomination, and is accordingly commended, this autumn, to the generosity of the churches composing the Norfolk Conference.

Mrs. E. Gifford of West Dedham read an admirable essay on the "Value of the Church as distinct from the Parish." The essay took decided ground that the Church is needful and by no means outgrown; that the inner church, and not the world, is in sympathy with Jesus, its head, and that religious people, and not the unreligious, should regulate church affairs. The subject was finely illustrated and its delivery applauded.

Mr. Wiggin then reported the substance of returns from the parishes in answer to circulars sent by him as chairman of a committee appointed last spring in regard to the distinctive church and its usefulness. Twelve churches within the Conference and several from outside, had sent full particulars. These answers showed plainly great unanimity of opinion about the need of organized churches as expressions of collective religious life and the inadequacy of their present form. The church cannot be dispensed with, but its functions should be order. The statistics are too extensive for publication here, but proved both the efficiency and activity of the technical churches. Rev. Wm. B. Green, pastor of the Orthodox church, was invited to participate in the exercises. Mr. Park called a Director to the Chair and made an eloquent speech on the need of the church and its sympathy. Mr. Hinckley spoke of the ideal church for work and love. Mr. S. W. Bush offered prayer. Collation was served in a hall up stairs, Rev. C. C. Sewall saying grace.

At 2 o'clock Conference re-assembled. Hymns were sung, Miss Eaton of Grantville presiding at the piano. Rev. Adams Ayer prayed. Rev. George F. Piper of Canton urged the need of higher activity in the church. Dea. E. Clapp showed in a practical speech the legal status of church funds and the support which the pastor receives from church members. Mr. Wiggin, by request, spoke on the subject: If a new movement were to be started, there should be but one body, and that the church; its members pledged to sacrifice of time, money, pride, and prejudice in its behalf, and caring for both business and religion; but in old parishes, for various reasons, there are both society and church; the one for *business*, the other for *religious confession* and *allegiance*. We cannot have the *ideal!* What shall we do with the *actual?* Stand by the church and never sacrifice *religious* profession. Mr. Ayer spoke of its help to individual life. J. W. Porter of Neponset spoke of the church life in the Church of the Unity, which has only *one* organization. Mr. Mumford spoke of the increasing beauty of the Lord's Supper to him, and the need of profession. Thanks and request to publish were voted to Mrs. Gifford for her essay; also thanks to Mr. Wiggin for his report, to the Needham and Grantville ladies for entertainment, and to Mr. E. H. Tucker, the Superintendent of the Railroad, for return tickets.

Wm. H. Baldwin, President of the Young Men's Christian Union, spoke of its work and the need of giving liberally to the A. U. A., and also of the marvel that so few join the church or come to communion. Rev. L. J. Livermore, Secretary of the Sunday-school Society, took the floor in its behalf. Large numbers were compelled to leave at this hour, and after a speech from Mr. Humphreys and the benediction from Mr. Brown, the Conference adjourned. The floral decorations reflected great credit upon the Needham society, and it is hoped the occasion rewarded them for their exertions in having the Conference there.

Sun. Oct. 9. 1870

Pleasant but Cool.

4 10 School.

Pastor. Preached at Dover in A.M. but returned in time for the Sunday school exercises.

Book. "Life of Kit Carson." Abridged.

Tune. "Be joyful in God" — half learned.

Convention. Talk about delegates to Springfield
Miss Mary Sewall & Mrs. Hewins, are to go.
Also Pastor & wife.

Gift. $50 from Mrs. A. G. Farwell. Thanks voted.

Vote. To buy a basket wherein to keep the Service books.

Gift.—The Unitarian Sunday-school had occasion, last Sunday, to pass a vote of thanks to a kind friend, passing a few weeks in town, for her generous gift of fifty dollars.

4 11. Chh.

Hymns. 404. - 59. Congregational.

Bible. Revs. 1: 10 through.

Sermon. Revs. 1:11. "What thou seest, write in a book & send it to the 7 Chhs. which are in Asia."
After an introduction about Chhs in the Apostolic age, the sermon consisted of an abridgment of the report at the Needham Conference. Closing with an earnest parochial appeal.
Flowers.

4 12. Conference.

Leader. Dr. Richardson.
Subject = Chh Membership.

Speaker. Mr. Henry Richardson — Pastor.

To Rev. J. H. Wiggin.

Pastor of Medfield *Church.*

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The facts thus accumulated will serve as a basis for helpful discussions, and also as incentives to the most efficient work.

Yours very fraternally and respectfully,

(*Address,*) J. H. Wiggin.

Frederick Hinckley.

Medfield, Mass.
September 1870.

I. Is your Church separate from your Society? Yes.

II. How long has it been Organized? or longer. 1649

III. Has it Special Property? Yes. A few

If so, of what nature and amount? hundred dollars for the poor. Lastly lost & now accumulating

IV. What are its Officers? Pastor.

How many in all? Last Deacon - J. W. Cloan - died 1870.

V. What are their Duties? X

VI. What Church Meetings are held, and how conducted? Seldom - financial.

VII. Are separate Records kept? Yes. by pastor.

How fully, and by whom? Very Complete record of Club & parish doings.

VIII. What is the method of joining the Church? Talk with pastor. Baptism if needful.

Is there any Public Service? Yes. In Congregation

Right Hand of Fellowship from Pastor

IX. What is the present number of Members?

Men: 15

Women: 45

Total: 60

How many Families in the Parish? 100 +

What is the average Sunday attendance? 175 +

X. How many persons have joined the Church during the past year? None.

Two years? 2

Five years? 15

Ten years? 25

XI. Has the Church Increased or Decreased during this century? Decreased

During twenty years? Increased.

XII. How old is the Senior member? 85
How young the Junior? 21
How many Members under 30? 6
How many Members under 50? 25

XIII. How many and what proportion of the Parish Officers are also Church members?

Ans. One Officers out of 5

XIV. How many and what proportion of the Sunday School Officers and Teachers are Church members?

Ans. 3 Officers out of 6
16 Teachers out of 19

XV. How many and what proportion of the Pupils are Church members? *Ans.* One Pupils out of 107
Many in Bible class.

XVI. Are Church members only invited to the Communion?
All bidden who love Jesus.

If all, how many who are *not* members, customarily accept the invitation? Only One.

XVI. What Special Charity does the Church carry on apart from the Society and with what success? None.
Would help the poor if funds were complete.

XVIII. Is the separate Church needful? Yes.
and what is *your* opinion of the desirability of its continuance, both in general and in your own Parish? Should be but one body, Club, doing what both Club & parish now do. But if a Society is to do only business, then must there be an inside Club.
A new organization I would make single. In Medfield 2 are as yet needful, & the 2 cannot well be blended.

To Rev. .....

Pastor of ..... *Church.*

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Frederick Hinckley.

Medfield, Mass.
September 1870.

See 4th page.

I. Is your Church separate from your Society? _____

II. How long has it been Organized? As long as parish - or longer.

III. Has it Special Property? 3 little. 3 much.

If so, of what nature and amount? Land - Stock &c.

IV. What are its Officers? 2 Deacons always.

How many in all? None in Deerfield.

V. What are their Duties? Care of funds. & Communion.

VI. What Church Meetings are held, and how conducted? 3 business - 3 religion.

Generally - none.

VII. Are separate Records kept? usually by pastor.

How fully, and by whom? Not satisfactorily.

No preparatory lectures now.

VIII. What is the method of joining the Church? _____

2 Communion. 1 N. Testament.

Is there any Public Service? 6 Covenant.

Sometimes

IX. What is the present number of Members?

12 Chhs.

Men:	200
Women:	750
Total:	950

3 member

5 How many Families in the Parish? 1470

8 What is the average Sunday attendance? 2400

X. How many persons have joined the Church during the past year? Generally a few.

Two years? not many

Five years? good

Ten years? numbers.

XI. Has the Church Increased or Decreased during this century? Decreased

During twenty years? Increased

XII. How old is the Senior member? 80 or 90
How young the Junior? usually 18-25
How many Members under 30? not many
How many Members under 50? most from 45 to 65

XIII. How many and what proportion of the Parish Officers are also Church members? All & none
3/7 *Ans.* ——— Officers out of ———

XIV. How many and what proportion of the Sunday School Officers and Teachers are Church members?
Ans. ~~23~~ Officers out of ~~35~~
~~90~~ Teachers out of ~~140~~

XV. How many and what proportion of the Pupils are Church members? Only one or two *Ans.* ——— Pupils out of ———

XVI. Are Church members only invited to the Communion?
All invited.

If all, how many who are *not* members, customarily accept the invitation? Very few generally.

XVI. What Special Charity does the Church carry on apart from the Society and with what success?
None. Unless with funds.

XVIII. Is the separate Church needful? Yes —
and what is *your* opinion of the desirability of its continuance, both in general and in your own Parish? A Church is needful - a higher form of worship, but this much better than none.

Full Replies.

S. Natick.	Sherborn.
Needham.	Medfield.
Canton.	Dedham
1st Roxbury.	W. Dedham
Mt. Pleasant.	Pt. Dorchester
Neponset.	3d "

W. Medway. Sharon.
Harrison Square. Randolph.
Granville. Hyde Park.
Neponset.
have no separate chhs.

No answers from —

Quincy.	Milton.
Jamaica Plains.	Brookline.
Walpole.	Dover.
W. Roxbury.	

Answers also from.

East Boston.	Dracut. (Orthodox)
So. Natick.	South Dedham. (Universalist)
Boston Sq. Salem.	

413 Lecture. Mon. Eve. Oct. 10. 1870.

MEDFIELD.—"*Work and Play*" was the topic of J. Q. A. Bracket's lecture on Monday evening, Oct. 10th, at the Unitarian church. Reversing the commoner train of thought, he considered the derpessing influence of constant labor with body or brain, and the need of relaxation to save from deadening intoxication and hardness. Children needed play; and innocent amusements, such as cards and dancing, ought to be encouraged at home, lest they be unduly sought elsewhere. The people needed more holidays, and social parties should savor less of hard work and more of simple enjoyment and intellectual intercourse. The lecture is enlivened with sundry good anecdotes, and is in a healthy social vein, though many points are open to discussion. Mr. Bracket is a New Hampshire boy, but is now practicing law in Boston, and devoted to his profession.

The next lecture will be given on Monday evening, Oct. 31st, by E. B. Otis, Esq., of Charles River Village. Subject, "The Spaniard in America."

DOVER.—Last Thursday a large delegation from the Unitarian church attended the meeting of the Norfolk Conference of Unitarian and other Liberal Churches at Needham. Although the weather was cold and uncomfortable, the Conference was quite fully attended. Mrs. Gifford of West Dedham gave an anmirable address on "Value of the Church as distinct from the Parish;" Mr. Wiggin of Medfield gave an interesting statistical statement of the ministers belonging to the various churches belonging to the Conference, and several interesting speeches were made on these subjects by Rev. Messrs. Wiggin, Mumford, Ayer and others. At noon a bountiful collation was provided by the ladies of the Needham Society. Altogether it was a very pleasant occasion and productive of much good.

Rev. Mr. Wiggin of Medfield officiated at the Unitarian church last Sunday. He preached with much acceptanec an able discourse on Salvation and Faith in Jesus Christ. Mr. Wiggin is one of the most active and efficient clergymen in this vicinity. Medfield under his ministry is wide awake. We trust he will long continue his good work in that place.

Our town last summer made an appropriation for a new school-house at the West end of Dover. It is now in progress of erection, to be finished this fall. We hope it will soon be followed by a building for school and town purposes in the Centre.

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414 Reading from Dickens.
Fri. Eve. 14 Oct. 1870.

MEDFIELD.

AN EVENING WITH DICKENS.—"Christmas Carol," "The Valentine," "Bob Sawyer's Party," and "The Debtor's Prison" were the selections given by Rev. John Snyder of Hingham, at the Unitarian church on Friday evening, Oct. 14. Mr. Snyder reads wonderfully well. He forgets himself in the story he is telling, identifies himself with the characters, and changes his voice marvellously, till the auditor almost fancies that Scrooge and the little Cratchits and Mrs. Raddle and old Weller are on the platform, and shudder while Marley's ghost comes up the stairs. The *moral* of the Carol was finely brought out. Indeed, in some parts he reads even better than Dickens himself, whose abridgments of his own stories do not satisfy Mr. S., who arranges his own extracts. This gentleman should make reading his profession, and no lyceum audience should fail to have him in the course. The seventh lecture will be on Oct. 31st, by E. B. Otis, Esq., on "The Spaniard in America."

Sunday Oct. 16 1870.

4.15 School. Present 119

Book. "Marion Berkely" by Miss Cummins.

Music. Last Sunday continued: boys & girls Chorus

Decoration. Autumn Leaves.

General Lesson. Ezekiel & review of Lamentations.

Basket. for holding & distributing Service books. used for the 1st time.

Speech. Report of the Springfield Convention.

Class. Channing Class. 4 young ladies read.

4.16 Chh.

Hymns 451.- 193. Bible. II Cors. 13th.

Sermon. II Cors. 13:5.

"Examine Yourselves whether You be in the faith. Prove your own selves."

Strangers. Many present.

Miss Johnson & Miss Donaldson from Washington.

Miss Lizzie Allen of Northboro.

4.17 Conference.

Leader. Pastor.

Speakers. Albert Stone, Mrs. Hewins.

UNITARIAN CREED.—The sermon at the 1st church last Sunday was on the authoritative statement of belief, to be urged at the National Conference in New York. The points presented were, that the Conference cannot agree upon a creed, that it would not represent the denomination if adopted, that it would be useless and mischievous, that a binding creed is antagonistic to Unitarian principles, while a clearly defined statement of opinion has been already issued by the publishing houses both in England and America, and called "A statement of the Scriptural Belief of Unitarian Christians."

UNITARIAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE.—Eight ladies and gentlemen have attended this gathering in New York this week from the Unitarian Church in this town.

THE SPRINGFIELD Unitarian Sunday-school Convention was attended last Wednesday and Thursday by four delegates and the pastor from this place.

Sunday. Oct. 23. 1870.

418 School.
Book. "Through by Daylight". Oliver Optic.
Basket. proving to be too small, decided to use it for other purposes & get another.
General Lesson. Ezekiel & Daniel.
Speech. by Pastor about the Springfield & N.Y. chhs.

419. Chh.
Hymns. 34 - 174.
Bible. Eph. 3:1-16.
Sermon. " " 3. "Endeavoring to keep the Unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace."
Text indicates the Spirit of all in the recent Conference in N. York. of which the sermon was a sketch. That assembly resulted in great good feeling but no Conclusion on radical & Conservative Questions

Flowers & Leaves in vases.

UNITARIANISM.—The sermon by the Unitarian minister last Sunday was a report of the late National Conference in New York. The text was, "Endeavoring to keep the Unity of the Spirit in the bonds of Peace," and the preacher said that this was the disposition of all parties in the Conference, both on the Radical and Conservative side; though the result had not been very satisfactory to either extremists or the main body.

MEDFIELD.

FROM THE REPORTS of the Unitarian National Convention we learn that on motion of Rev. J. D. Wells of Quincy, the Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Geo. H. Ellis, and Rev. James H. Wiggin of Medfield, were elected Secretaries in place of those who were absent and useless, and served during the session. Mr. Ellis is the Business Agent of the *Christian Register*. Through his untiring energy extras of that paper were issued daily at this Convention, being printed at Brooklyn. No religious paper could show more vim in coming to time.

420. Conference.
Led by the Pastor.
Speakers. Mary Sewall; Albert Stone. Pleasant eve.

National Conference attended by Pastor & Wife, Dr. & Mrs. Richardson, John Ellis. Rev. C. C. Sewall & his daughter Mary.

Cleaning in Chh on Wed. & Thurs. 19 & 20 Oct.

Sunday Oct. 30. 1870

421 School.

Rev. J. H. Little of Foxboro on Exchange.

Speech. By a m.

Book. "Home in the West".

Chapin Class Day. Recitation by Fred Thompson.

422. Chh.

Hymns 35 & 824.

Sermon. Loyalty to Christianity.

"Seek first the kingdom of God & his righteousness" &c

Mishap. The speaker ~~lost~~ dropped his sermon over the desk but so quickly ~~as to~~ stepped down & recovered it as to excite everybody's admiration.

REV. JAS. HENRY LITTLE of Foxboro', preached by exchange at the Unitarian church last Sunday, on "Devotion to Christianity," from the text "Seek first the Kingdom of God." The services were much enjoyed by the congregation, and the preacher pronounced "smart." The sermon was both clear and earnest.

FOXBORO.'—The Universalist pulpit was occupied last Sunday, on exchange, by Rev. J. H. Wiggin of Medfield. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Little, is doing a good work. He is a young man having served in the 33d Mass. during the war, and graduated at the Canton Theological school in 1869. He has been with his church about a year, and there is evident life in the faces of both chrilden and adults.

The meeting-house is small but very neat, and the method of Sunday services, both at the morning school and the afternoon preaching, is unusually satisfactory. The society is composed partly of Unitarians; but they and the Universalists should everywhere be one in *practice*, as already they are in *sentiment*. Especially where the two sects meet in a parish, is the saying true: "United we staud; diuided we fall."

423. Conference.

Leader. Dr. Richardson.

Speakers. Mary Sewall, Henry Richardson, Albert Stone.

Monday. Eve. Oct. 31.

424 Lecture. E. B. Otis Esq.

"THE SPANIARD IN AMERICA" was the historic subject of E. B. Otis' lecture on Monday evening, Oct. 31st. It treated of the voyages, settlements, revolutions, bravery and slavery of the Spanish pioneers and their posterity in Southern and Central America; and closed with a consideration of the difficulties which have caused them to lag behind their English and Dutch compeers in the march of civilization on this continent. The lecture is charmingly written in perspicuous and classic English, and is the production of a gentleman of extensive research and scholarly habits. The closing lecture of the course will be given next Monday evening, Nov. 7, by Rev. J. L. Hatch. Subject: "Clerical Wit and Humor."

428 Lecture.

Mon. Eve. Nov. 7.

"CLERICAL WIT AND HUMOR" was the topic of Rev. J. D. Hatch's lecture on Monday evening, the 7th. After a brief introduction, showing how very nearly tears and smiles are allied, and that ministers are apt to turn their gravest side to the laity, the speaker kept his audience on the keen laugh for an hour with anecdotes selected from his large collection. A little more solid meat for *joints* might be desirable, and a few stories were quite as broad as good taste will allow, but the lecture is well imagined and enjoyable, and the programme changed nightly. Mr. Hatch has a clear, forcible delivery and makes every word tell. Mr. Hatch's residence is in Mansfield.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.—The course of Lyceum Lectures at the Unitarian Church this season yielded a profit of $70.00, to be divided among the three sunday schools of the town in proportion to the number of season tickets bought by each society. The division gives the Orthodox school about nine dollars; the Baptist, eighteen, and the Unitarian nearly forty-three. The money was paid last Sunday.

432. Lecture.

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT. — Rev. John Snyder, whose Dickens' reading was so much enjoyed a few weeks ago, will read again at the Unitarian Church next Monday evening, Nov. 14, at 7 1-2 o'clock. The selections will be entirely different from those given previously. In order to place this attractive entertainment within the reach of all, the price of admission is fixed at the low price of *ten cents* payable at the door. Let there be a full house.

ANOTHER EVENING WITH DICKENS.—Rev. John Snyder gave a fine reading at the Unitarian church Monday evening, November 14. Previous to the entertainment, at the suggestion of Dr. Richardson a miniature praise-meeting was held, in which all present heartily joined, singing "Morning Light," "Old Hundred," "Missionary Chant" and "Boylston." Wm. R. Smith presided at the large organ, and Geo. Pilgrow at the small organ beside the pulpit. The selections read were from Pickwick, "The Double-Bedded Room" and "Trial," and from Martin Chuzzlewit, "Sairey Gamp," and admirably they were given. With the natural trepidation of a young man, Mr. Snyder betrays a little nervousness, but to hear him read Dickens is one of life's enjoyments. No lyceum course is quite complete without him.

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Tues. Pub. Nov. 1st 1870.

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Funeral.

MEDFIELD.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis died at Wrentham last week and was buried from the Unitarian church, Medfield, on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 1st. Mrs. Ellis was the mother of Mrs. Samuel Ellis, with whom she for many years resided, though her last days were passed with another daughter, Mrs. Everett of Wrentham. She had reached the advanced age of nearly 89 years. Her life was long and useful. At the funeral allusions were made to the season of All Souls, to the death of a sweet grand-daughter last spring, and to her membership of the church, with which she had been many years connected. This beautiful poem was also read:—

RIPE WHEAT.

We bent to-day o'er a coffined form,
And our tears fell softly down;
We looked our last on the aged face
With its look of peace, its patient grace,
And hair like a silver crown.

We touched our own to the clay-cold hands,
From life's long labor at rest;
And among the blossoms, white and sweet,
We noted a bunch of golden wheat
Clasped close to the silent breast.

The *blossoms* whispered of fadeless bloom,
Of a land where fall no tears;
The ripe *wheat* told of toil and care,
The patient waiting, the trusting prayer,
The garnered good of the years.

We knew not what work her hands had found,
What rugged places her feet;
What cross was hers, what blackness of night;
We saw but the peace, the blossoms white,
And the bunch of ripened wheat.

As each goes up from the fields of earth,
Bearing the treasures of life,
God looks for some gathered grain of good
From the ripe harvest that shining stood,
But waiting the reaper's knife.

Then labor well, that in death you go,
Not only with blossoms sweet,—
Not bent with doubt, and burdened with fears,
And dead dry husks of the wasted years,—
But laden with golden wheat.

Sun. Nov. 6. 1870.

Pleasant. Memorial

426. School.

Tune. "Evening" "In the Cross of Christ" &c.

Book. "Put yourself in his Place." Chas. Reade.

General Lesson. Daniel & Hosea.

THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE will take place at the Unitarian church next Sunday P.M., this being the season of "All Saints and All Souls." The service will be vesper in character, and the sermon is to be from the text: "As the tree falls so must it lie."

427. Chh.

1 2. Organ Music & Anthem - "Heavenly Rest".

3 4. Sentences & Carmina Alterna - Ps 23.

5 Collect: Prayer for the living & the dying".

6 Hymn: "Alas how poor & little worth." 568.

7 8. Prayer & Vocal response -

9 Old Testament. Eccles. 9:1-10.

10. Song: "When for me the silent oar".

11. New Testament. II Cor. 5:1-10.

12. Hymn 540: "There is an hour" &c. Woodland.

13 14. Sermon. & Short prayer.

15. "When spirits from their clay." 907. Balerma.

16. Benediction.

17. Recessional Hymn = "There is a reaper."

Communion,

Hymn 248. Vide above. "Wilmot".

MEDFIELD.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.—The Unitarians had a lovely day for their Memorial Service last Sunday. During the year there has been more deaths than usual. Besides others intimately connected with it, ten have passed away from the immediate parochial circle; two little children, one maiden in the budding-time of life, and seven persons over seventy, in this order of age: Mrs. Brown, Robert Pope, Gershom Adams, Warren Hartshorn, Mrs. Jessie Ellis, Mrs. Fisher, and John W. Adams.

The pulpit was adorned with pictures, surrounded by flowers and memorial bouquets and wreaths. The choir sung several beautiful pieces: "Heavenly Rest," for the introduction;

"When for me the silent oar
Parts the silent river,"

as the sacred song between the lessons;

"Thy will be done,"

in response to the prayer; and for the Recessional hymn:

"There is a reaper whose name is Death;"

besides appropriate hymns.

The Old Testament reading brought out the lack of belief in immortality in the book of Ecclesiastes, while the New Testament reading as clearly brought to mind the Apostle Paul's firm faith in the future life. The sermon was on the words, "As the tree falls so must it lie,"—a passage commonly quoted in defence of the doctrine of the endless misery of human souls. The text in that form is not in the Bible. Its nearest approach is in Eccles. XI, 3; a verse which has no reference to death or human character. Taking the relation of the metaphor to the human soul for granted, however, the speaker presented two points. 1st. A fallen tree is as permanent as anything in decaying vegetation. It lasts, as bodies and flowers do not. So character lasts after death, being once fixed in truth or falsity. But 2d. Carry out the metaphor. The instant a tree falls it begins to *change*. Not in our little lives, perhaps, but they are nothing. God sees the change and plans it. The earth is filled with remains of the "forest primeval," whose fallen vegetation makes now coal, oil, and soil, and enters into all forms of life. *So* the character will sink into the shadows of transition till God shall call "all souls" to be "all saints."

MR. WARREN HARTSHORN was suddenly stricken on Thursday, Nov. 3, and died the next day. He was 80 years of age, and had lived in the immediate neighborhood during the whole of his long life; an industrious, quiet, respected citizen, who looked well to the ways of his household. Mr. Hartshorn leaves a widow with whom he had passed the golden wedding-time, and two daughters, one the wife of Mr. Lowell Adams. The funeral took place on the 7th, at the house, and was largely attended. His pastor read the following appropriate lines from Bowring:—

"He who walks in virtue's way
Firm and fearless, walketh surely,
Diligent, while yet 'tis day,
On he speeds and speeds securely.

Flowers of peace beneath him grow,
Suns of pleasure brighten o'er him,
Memory's joys behind him go,
Hope's sweet angels fly before him.

Thus he moves from stage to stage,
Smiles of heaven and earth attending,
Slowly sinking down in age,
And through death to God ascending."

Sunday Nov. 13. 1870.

429 School.
Book. Scott's "Monastery"
Music "Great God wert thou extreme to mark".
to a Greek tune. heard by the pastor in Smyrna.
& Ephesus. & written from memory.
General Lesson. Review of Hosea — Joel in advance.
Catalogues Voted not to have them printed.
Concert — On motion of Mr. Osgood, he with Mrs. Gershom Adams & Abby Russell were named a Committee to see about a S.S. Concert.

430 Chh.
Hymns 478-392.
Bible. Talents parable in Matt. 25.
Sermon. Matt.: 27. "Thou oughtest to have put thy money to the exchangers": &c.
2 opposite views of human nature.
1. Total depravity.
2. " sacredness of every impulse.
I. Instincts &c. are right.
II. So is will which is to govern.
III. Faculties are capable of improvement.
IV. Facts prove Cultivation needful
Following natural instinct not alone sufficient.
Prayer. Warren Gershom & Thos. Smith families remembered.
Notices. Eight — an unusual number. & One in Eve.
Collection. American Unitarian Assn. $23.30 in boxes.

431 Conference.
Leader — Isaac Osgood.
Speakers — Pastor, Dr. Richardson, Henry Richardson, Mary Sewall.
Good time
Some talk about the A.U.A. money & Some Ladies appointed a Committee to see to it.

Sun: Nov: 20. 1870.

433. School.
Book "Lightning Express." Optic.

434 Chh.
Rev. C. S. Locke.
"Manliness".

Excellent.

435. Conference.
Leader Robt Pope Jr.
Speeches. Dr. Richardson, Henry Richardson, Albert Stone, Isaac Osgood.

"A glorious sing".

Pastor. preached in Brattleboro - Vermont.

Sun. Nov. 27. 1892
Lovely.

436. School.
Book. "Boys of Grand Pré School."
Speech pastor on Brattleboro school.
General Lesson Joel & Hosea.
Comm. on a Sunday School Concert reported unfavorably. Arranged however for a Sunday School Conference for Dec. 11.

437. Chh.
Hymns. 148-702.
Bible. Micah 7
Sermon. Pss. 43:5. "Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him who is the health of my Countenance & my God."
Thanksgiving for.
1. Life itself; its happiness.
2. Massachusetts; her people & enterprise
3. Civilization which lies behind the state.
4. Christianity behind all.

438. Conference.
Leader. Mr Richardson.
Pianist. Mr Sewall.
Speakers. Dr. Ron, Geo. Kingsbury, Pastor, Osgood.

Services

AT THE

INSTALLATION

OF

Rev. C. C. Carpenter,

As Pastor

OF THE

Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church,

Boston Highlands,

DECEMBER 1, 1870.

Voluntary by the Choir.

Invocation

By Rev. R. C. Waterston.

Anthem.

Reading of the Scriptures

By Rev. M. K. Schermerhorn.

Original Hymn

By Lewis G. Pray.

How beautiful, on mountain height,
The feet of him who comes to bring
To thirsting souls the Gospel light,
Of peace, and hope, and joy the spring.
And with the powers that God hath given,
To plead the cause of truth and heaven.

A grateful Church, O God! we bend.
To thank thee for thy gift of love,—
For him,—the teacher thou dost send,
To fill the place of one above;
To heal our wound; our hearts to cheer,
And make thy service yet more dear.

Fill thou his soul with love and light;
Thy Holy Spirit freely give:
Help him to work with sacred might,
And teach us, Christ-like, how to live:
To live like Him, the Master true,
In all we feel, and think, and do.

O touch his tongue with holy fire,
To lift us to the heights on high;
The Saviour's trust, by faith inspire,
And teach us, Christ-like, how to die:
Himself, a beacon light, to shine;
In life, and death, and ever, Thine.

Boston Highlands, Nov. 17, 1870.

The Mt. Pleasant Cong. Church,

To the First Cong Parish in Medfield

Christian Friends:

The Installation Services of Rev. C. C. Carpenter, as Pastor, will be held on Thursday Evening, Dec. 1st, at which you are cordially invited to be represented by Pastor and Delegate.

The Council will meet in the Vestry at 5 o'clock.

Supper at 6 o'clock.

Services in the Church will commence at 7½ o'clock.

Awaiting your answer,

Yours very truly,

J. N. DANIELL,

Chairman Standing Committee

Albert Baleh
Chosen.
& attended with Pastor.

Sermon

By Rev. H. W. Bellows, D. D.

Anthem.

Prayer of Installation

By Rev. George Putnam, D. D.

Response.

Right-Hand of Fellowship

By Rev. George L. Chaney.

Doxology.

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are thy mercies Lord;
Eternal truth attends thy word:
Thy name shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Benediction

By the Pastor.

Monday: Nov. 28. 1870

439 Lecture.

MEDFIELD.—The last lecture of the autumn course was delivered on Monday evening, Dec. 5th, by George E. Otis, Esq., of Jamaica Plain. The weather was unusually fine and the house well filled. The lecture was upon the very interesting subject of "Salem Witchcraft," which was rendered doubly attractive by the brilliant and scholarly manner in which it was treated. The proceeds of the course will be appropriated to the use of the Sunday schools of the town. ***

REV. J. H. WIGGIN, of Medfield, who is always busy in some good work, is now engaged in giving doctrinal lectures on Sunday evenings, once a month. According to the programme, almost all of these services "fall upon moonlit evenings," but we are sure there will be no moonshine in the lectures.

DOVER.—There is very little local or town news to communicate. The fall work is over, and our farmers are settling down to their common winter work, — that of tending to the cattle, getting out hoop-poles, —their most profitable work—and cutting and piling their wood.

We have no settled minister in the town, and therefore have no religious evening services, and having no hall near the centre of the town, dances or lectures are of rare occurrence. The Unitarian society has one service on Sunday; that and the Sunday-school take up from two to three hours. The other two societies, Orthodox and Baptist, have two services. The three ministers are hired by the Sunday, and come from abroad.

Mr. Wiggin, the enterprising Unitarian minister of Medfield, is giving a course of lectures at his church, (once a month) on the "Unities," if I may so speak. Last Sunday evening he lectured on Unitarianism. That as a doctrine it has always existed—through Moses and the prophets in old times, then through Jesus and his apostles, &c. He sketched the Arian and Socinian movements, and so on to Channing and our own times; that though a small sect it had exercised a great influence in forming a true religious sentiment, and that the denomination should be more earnest in carrying forward its great work. The question is often asked, What do Unitarians believe? We advise all such inquirers in the neighborhood to attend these lectures at Medfield, and we have no doubt but they will find out what Unitarians believe. Let all liberal Christians also attend, so as to be able to answer and defend the faith that is in them. The meetings begin with singing of the old familiar tunes by the choir, assisted by all the congregation, This adds much to the interest, judging from the crowded audience last Sunday. We should say the lectures will be very popular and do great good.

Our schools have commenced for the winter, so that our young folks will be busy for two or three months, at least. We wish we could have yearly schools.

Our respected fellow-citizen, E. G. Otis, Esq., of Charles River Village, lectured last week in Boston, giving his interesting lecture on "Popular Superstitions."

Rev. J. H. Wiggin is giving a course of free Sunday evening services at Medfield. The lectures are designed to unfold the prominent doctrines of Christianity as understood by Liberal Christians. The first service was held on Sunday evening, Dec. 4, and the others will be as follows:—Christmas Vespers, Christmas, Dec. 25, 1870, "Unity of Jesus Christ." Praise Meeting, Jan. 29, 1871, "Unity of God; in Person, Character, Government and Teachings." Praise Meeting, Feb. 5, "Unity of Man." Praise Meeting, March 12, "Unity of the Method of Salvation and Divine Judgment." Easter Vespers, Easter, April 9, "Unity of Human Life." Praise Meeting, April 30, "Unity of Faith, Religion and the Church."

SALEM WITCHCRAFT.—Geo. E. Otis, Esq., lectured on this topic at the First Church, Monday evening, Nov. 28. Mr. Otis spoke very rapidly and condensed a deal of matter, most admirably arranged, into the hour. Commencing with sketches of the social life and status of the New England people, and the cantankerous disposition of the parish, (now called Peabody,) and the previous treatment of witches, the lecturer then gave a detailed account of the trials, evidently believing in the capability of the Rev. Mr. Parris, in whose family the deadly work began. The eulogy upon Giles Corey, who was tortured to death rather than suffer trial by pleading, was very fine. The lecture closed with allusions to modern spiritualism and its difficulties.

FREE
SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES,
MEDFIELD FIRST PARISH CHURCH: UNITARIAN.

"THE UNITIES OF THE UNITARIAN FAITH."
EVENINGS WITH THE DOCTRINES.

God willing, a series of Lectures on the PROMINENT TEACHINGS OF CHRISTIANITY as understood by (so called) Liberal Christians, will be given in this Church, during the coming Season, by the Pastor,

REV. J. H. WIGGIN.

I. PRAISE MEETING. *December* 4, 1870.
Introductory: UNITARIANISM in general.

II. CHRISTMAS VESPERS. Christmas, *December* 25, 1870.
UNITY OF JESUS CHRIST.

III. PRAISE MEETING. *January* 29, 1871.
UNITY OF GOD; in Person, Character, Government, and Teachings.

IV. PRAISE MEETING. *February* 5, 1871.
UNITY OF MAN.

V. PRAISE MEETING. *March* 12, 1871.
UNITY OF THE METHOD OF SALVATION AND DIVINE JUDGMENT.

VI. EASTER VESPERS. Easter, *April* 9, 1871.
UNITY OF HUMAN LIFE.

VII. PRAISE MEETING. *April* 30, 1871.
UNITY OF FAITH, RELIGION AND THE CHURCH.

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Mr. Wm. R. Smith will preside at the large Organ, and Mr. Geo. Bigelow at the Cabinet Organ; and the Musical Vespers will be conducted by these gentlemen.

SEATS FREE.

Services will commence at 7 o'clock, precisely.

The Pastor of this Society is willing to perform ministerial duties wherever and whenever required. Residence opposite the Church.

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunday School from 12 to 1.30, Church at 1.45, with Sermon, Conference, Vespers or Lecture, every Sunday Evening.

Sun. Dec. 4. 1870.
Pleasent. Warm.

440 School.
Tune. Christmas Carol. "Carol, Carol Christian".
Book "New Timothy".
Speech Rev. Jas. T. Lusk, Meadville graduate.
Lesson. Obadiah & Amos.
Committee. On Christmas Trimming appointed.
Gps. W. Kingsbury & wife. Mrs. Hewins.
& the walker cl. Sarah Wright. Amos Chapman. Mary Fisher.
Mary Sewall. Mosco Hartshorn. Abb Stone.

441. Chh.
Hymns. 362-130.
Bible. Raising of Lazarus. Mr. Lusk.
Sermon. by Mr. Lusk.
"Roll ye away the Stone".
1. Indifference. 2. Skepticism.

442 Lecture.

MEDFIELD.

It is proposed to give a series of lectures on the Prominent Teachings of Christianity as understood by "Liberal Christians," to be given in the Unitarian Church during the coming season by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Wiggin. They will be given in the following order,—the first having already been given as will be seen by the report below:—.

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LECTURES.—The first of the Sunday evening series was given at the Unitarian church last Sunday. The services opened with a Praise Meeting, conducted by Dr. Richardson, and a large audience heartily joined in familiar tunes. Brief scriptures were read, and Rev. Mr. Lusk offered prayer. At the close of the Praise Meetiug, Rev. Mr. Wiggin announced his text from 1 Cors. 12: 13, "How by one spirit we are all baptized into one body." Uuitarianism as a movement was to be distingnished from Unitarianism organized into a sect. Its *truths* were eternal, taught in the Bible and in the early church. Inside Christendom, its three historic phrases were represented by Arius in the 4th century, Socinus in the 16th, and Chanuing in the 19th. The latter aimed to spread ideas rather than a sect. To-day Unitarianism exists in England, Huugary and America, chiefly where it has 400 ministers and 350 churches. Its smallness was nothing to be ashamed of, if the quality be good. Its churches are of two kinds, those inherited from other bodies by a transfer of religious allegiance, and those built, from the first, on the Uuitarian foundation. There is great diversity of opinions and practice in the ranks. So there is among others, but with others there is more sectarianism, in the good sense, to absorb the differences into uuity of operation. Uuitarians are agreed upon some minor points of spirit rather than of belief. 1. They unite in preferring correct life to accurate belief, and hate creeds accordingly. 2. They unite in so loving freedom as often to be foolishly unwilling to work together systematically. 3. They unite in distrusting what Dickens called Boorioboolagha charity. 4. They unite in laying greater stress upon purity and honesty than upon churchism in any form, and carry this feeling to deleterious extremes. 5. They agree upon tolerations to all men and opinions, refusing to draw lines of exclusion. 6. They unite in acknowledging the leadorship of Christ. Men like Rev. Frank E. Abbott leave the body because it is Christian, and they say they are not; and even Theo. Parker wrote one of the finest hymns to Jesus in the English language.

In closing, the speaker said that in common with many others in every church he remained inside his denomination, not because he did not see great good in others or thought his church perfect, for many things it lacked, but because, taking all things together, the Unitarian body had fewer objections and offered greater freedom for thought and work. In proportion as men and women belonged *to* and believed *in* a sect, because they first belonged to Christianity and believed in *it*, God would bless them.

Delegates Chosen.

Wm C. Allen
& Ellen Allen.

Mrs. Grant.
Miss Fuller.

Mr. & Mrs. D. Norsington.

Mrs. Jas Kingsbury & daughter.

Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Fusner

Albert Stone.

Mr. & Mrs. Windship.

Mr. & Mrs. E. Wheeler.

To the First Society *Church in* Dedham

under the pastoral charge of

Rev. J. H. Biggs

BRETHREN: —

The Annual Meeting of the "Norfolk Conference o Unitarian and other Christian Churches," for the election o officers and other business, will be held in the First Congrega tional Church, Jamaica Plain (Rev. Dr. Thompson's), o THURSDAY, December 15th, at 10, A.M.

Rev. Henry W. Foote, of Boston, will read an Essay o "*The Devotional and Spiritual Help of the Bible?*": to b followed by discussion.

Reports are desired from each of the churches of any new events or experiences during the year; these reports not to exceed five minutes each.

The churches are requested to make their usual contribution to the expenses of the Conference at this meeting.

Your presence, by your pastor and at least six delegates, is earnestly urged.

Cars leave Providence Depot, Boston, at 9, A.M., returning at 4.27, P.M.

Horse Cars from Tremont House, 9.20, A.M., and half-hourly; returning every half hour.

Yours in Christian Faith and Work,

FREDERIC HINCKLEY.

Secretary.

HARRISON SQUARE,
Dec. 5, 1870.

Sun: Dec. 11. 186.

Cold. Lowry.

1743 School.

Book "Rufus & Rose". Alger.

Music. All practice for Christmas.

"Zion the marvellous story is telling".

Lesson. Obadiah. Jonah with maps.

MEDFIELD.

HENRY J. DANIELS.—In the death of this Christian gentleman, on Dec. 9th, Medfield loses a valued citizen. Mr. Daniels came from Medway and for several years has been associated with Cushman & Baker, both as partner and employe. He was greatly respected by his companions in the shop, both young and old. Four years ago he was married to Miss Agnes Ord of this village, and has since resided with her family. The home-life was unusually lovely and peaceful. Mr. Daniels was a member of the Orthodox Congregational Church, but has worshipped with the Baptists in Medfield, and from their church he was buried on Monday, the 12th, Rev. A. W. Carr officiating. The services were very brief. The members of the Post of the Grand Army, of which the deceased was the commander, were present in a body to do him honor, and it was at their earnest solicitation that the friends consented to a public funeral. On the intervening Sunday the sermon at the Unitarian Church on "ministering spirits" was called out by this death, and consisted of an attempt to answer the question "What for?"; a query only to be fully answered by God in Eternity. A spirit of gentle dignity has walked forth into the "gloaming" that ushes into the unseen day, leaving an influence among us.

1744 Church.

Hymns. 519 - 570 Death.

Bible. Rom. 6: 1-11. Spiritual Resurrection.

Sermon. Hebs. 1:14 "Ministering Spirits."

Why the young, useful & vigorous die; are translated.

1. Death not a punishment of sin.

2. Shows God's Sovereignty above Law as yet understood.

3. Strengthens faith in Immortality when one not "worn out" dies. He must live on.

4. To minister here or elsewhere. Not merely to fill a place in the Celestial Choir.

Sermon suggested by the death of a much respected Citizen, H. J. Daniels of the Baptist Chh.

1745 Conference.

Subject Sunday School.

Leader. Pastor.

Speakers. Mary Sewall, Hy Richardson, Osgood.

Sun. Dec. 18. 1870

Cold wind.

446 School.

Exchange with Rev. A. B. Vorse of Needham.

Music. Rehearsal for Xmas.

Speech. Mr. Vorse.

Business. Christmas Trimming.

Book.

447. Ohh.

REV. A. B. VOSE of Needham occupied by exchange, the Unitarian pulpit last Sunday, preaching a sermon on the text, "It shall be well with the Righteous." The subject was so interesting and so well treated that the brethren confirmed its thought in the evening conference. Mr. Vose has charge both of the Grantville and Needham Societies.

Next Sunday, Christmas, there will be Choral Vesper service in the evening, and a lecture on the "Unity of Jesus Christ."

Services as usual in the afternoon and Christmas music in the Sunday-school.

448. Conference.

Leader. Albert Stone.

Speakers. Wy Rdr, Dr. Rdr, Pastor, Geo. Kingsbury.

Subject. Bible & Prof. Denton's attacks upon it.

Xmas. 1890.
Cold & clear.

449. School.
Music. Christmas.
Speeches. G. W. Patten of Cambridge Divinity School. on "Idolatry". & Pastor about Greenville School. & Billerica School.
Class Day. Xmas: 2 songs: "Xmas Morning". & "Why do we thus keep Xmas morn?"
Secretary. Mr. Goulding's Resignation received & a vote of thanks by standing. Passed. Mr. Chas. E. Ward elected Secretary. & a speech of welcome made by Pastor.
Thanks. Also voted to the trimming Committee. Chh finely decorated.
Book. Cooper's "Pilot".
General Lesson. Jonah & Micah.

450. Chh.
Hymns. 51 - 716.
Mr. Patten preached on "Old & New". Events constantly repeated yet there is progress too. Christianity adds a new element to the worlds experience, the Moral.

27. Medfield, reported by pastor, Rev. J. H. Wiggin. Occasional vespers. Monthly doctrinal lectures this season. Regular Sunday evening conferences conducted by the laymen. The first death in four years had occurred in the school. Many old people dead. New families added. Dr. Tourjee's praise meeting and talk had led to the adoption of regular congregational singing for hymns in connection with anthems by the choir. School had received considerable money. Small organ purchased for social use. A course of Lyceum Lectures in the church had yielded proportionate profits to the three Sunday-schools of the village. A proposition for the pastor to work in the West had been declined at the wish of the society.

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1870.

Xmas Vespers

1. Organ.
2. Vol. "Star of Bethlehem."
3. Sentences during 8 o'c music.
4. Anthem. Xmas.
5. Poem: "Darkness over the world." Gaskell.
6. Responsive Reading: Scriptures alternating with the hymn "Hark what mean those holy voices."
7. Prayer. by Rev. G. W. Patten.
8. Vocal response. "Blessing & Honor" &c.
9. Old Testament. Isai. 9.
10. "Calm on the listening ear of night."
11. New Testament. John 1: 15 &c
12. Hymn. Holley. 224. "When in Silence" &c.
13. Sermon.
14. Lord's Prayer Chanted.
15. Hymn: "The race that long in Darkness" &c Wesley.
16. Benediction.
17. Organ.

THE LECTURE at the Unitarian club last Sunday evening was on the Unity of Jesus the Christ. Only about petty subjects do men agree. The text—"There is one God and one Meditator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus," indicates the Unitarian position. The Bible nowhere says "the God Christ Jesus." Desiring to teach positively, we must sometimes say "no," in theology as in morals. Unitarians believe the oneness of Jesus in his nature, which was not dual but single. He prayed, not to another part of the godhead, but to his God and ours. The distinction he made, he meant. 2d. He is one in character, without that *war* between thought and deed which often characterizes us. 3d. He is one in office, holding a place unique as the reconciler of men to God. He made this claim. We must either allow it or place him below honorable men for making it. In every sphere of life God ordains leaders who are unique. Jesus is above all in the grandeur of his mission. The music was of a high order, and consisted of an anthem, chanted hymns, responses, and grand old verses. Mr. Patten of Cambridge offered prayer. The chandelier lamps, gallery, pulpit, and windows are tastefully decorated with evergreen, with cross, anchor, wreaths, and festoons. Mr. Smith presided finely at the organ.

New Years. 1871.

Illness. Pastor being laid up with a bad boil on the left nostril, decided Sat. eve. with consent of officers, to take a vacation Sunday today.

452 School.

Books "Old Town Folks" Mrs. Stowe.
& a small book by Mrs. Follen.

Class. New years had 4 pieces.

MEDFIELD.

SUNDAY SERVICES. — Owing to illness, the Unitarian minister claimed *one* of his two vacation Sundays on New Year's, and at the eleventh hour it was decided to have no preaching, though the Sunday-school assembled as usual.

At the Orthodox church, Rev. J. R. Eaton preached an excellent sermon on "Inspiration of the Scriptures," and at its close distributed some copies of Dr. A. P. Peabody's Tract on the "Morality of the Bible."

At the Baptist, Rev. A. W. Carr read his resignation. It is the intention of the Rev. gentleman to sell his furniture at auction and move into Boston, his health not allowing him to accept a permanent settlement and endure the needful work of the study. Mr. Carr will supply the pulpit until spring.

Sun. Jan. 8. 1871.
Cold. Snowy.

453 School.
Book. "Both sides of the street." Mrs. Walker
Music. New years'.
Speech. Pastor, about Montague S.S. & Mrs. Farwell's gift to it.
Thanks voted to Mrs. Farwell for Photographs of fern mottos sent to the School by her.
General Lesson. Micah & Nahum.

454 Chh. New years' Service.
Hymns 722 - 715.
Bible. Ephs. 5:1-12.
Sermon. Luke 12:35.

MEDFIELD.

Church.—The Unitarian New Year's services, postponed from the week before, were held on the eighth. The music was very appropriate and the sermon was on the lights to be kept burning in the year to come: "Let your loins be girded about and your lights burning;" with descriptions of Oriental customs to which the text alludes. At the close the communion was observed.

MEDFIELD.

COTERIE.—The Unitarians had a very pleasant gathering on Friday evening at Curtis Hall. The choir sung several glees, W. R. Smith playing the instrument. Half a dozen of the children recited pieces and sang songs. An operetta called the "Soldiers' Family" was admirably sung by Messrs. Albert Stone, Nat. Allen, and Ellery Franks, and Misses Ella Allen and Emma Bruce. A lonely soldiers' wife and children send a Thanksgiving box to papa in the army, who in his tent is worrying about home. The words are adopted to familiar lines. Miss Annie Clarke presided at the organ. The fun came in with the exhibition of some automatic wax stationery by Mr. Chas. Hamant. The proceeds defray the cost of some new books purchased for the choir.

Communion.

Hymn. 646.

Usual Service.

Sun: Jan. 15. 1871
Heavy fog & bad roads.

455 School.
Pastor. Absent at So. Natick & did not return till near the close of school.
Books. "May & New Years": Mrs. Follen.
"Spy". J. F. Cooper.
Comm. Neb. Stone & Mrs. Morse appointed a Comm about a Coterie & Magic Lantern.
General Lesson. Review of Nahum: & Habbakuk.
Tunes Lyons. 148 "My Soul praise the Lord.
Benevento. "Father of our feeble race." 27.

456 Chh.
Hymns. 324 - 127. Faith.
Bible. I Tim. 4. "Sound Doctrine".
Sermon. Rom. 6:17. "But God be thanked that you were the Servants of Sin: but you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you."
"No matter what a man believes if his life is right." Common Speech.
1. Character is all in all.
2. Belief affects Character.
3. Belief leads to higher faith.
So it matters very much what men believe.

457 Conference.
Led by G. W. Kingsbury "Moth & Rust"
Speakers. Pastor. W. Rdn.

Sun = Jan. 22. 1871.
Beautiful & windy.

458 School.
Book. "Moth & Rust". Orthodox.
Tune. "Safely through another week."
Lesson. Habbakuk & Zephaniah.
Class. St. Paul. 6 recitations by boys.
Committee. Longer time granted.
Pastor. returned late from Walpole.

459. Chh.
Hymns. 161-169. Bible. Lazarus & Dives.
Sermon. Rev. W.B. Smith of Walpole.
Rom. 3. "What Then."

MEDFIELD.

Rev. Wm. W. Smith of Walpole, preached by exchange at the first church last Sunday. His subject and text were in the words, Rom. 3d. Chapter, "What Then?" It was an excellent sermon, and related to the connection of the present life with that which is to come. The same theme was pursued at the evening conference. Next Sunday evening, January 29, there will be a Praise Meeting, and the third Lecture on the "Unity of God."

460 Conference.
Informal.
Speakers. Albert Stone, Pastor, & Rdn.

Sun. Jan. 29. 1871.
Snowstorm & Cleared.

461 School. Small.
Speech by Rev. H. Alger of So. Natick.
Book.

462. Chh. Rev. H. Alger.
Hymns. 22 - 168. Bible. John's Epistle: Righteousness.
Sermon: Epistle John. Being righteous & doing good.
To be Christian is not merely to be personally pure but really to do others good.
Power of the imagination in fulfilling the Golden rule.

REV. H. ALGER of So. Natick, preached by exchange at the First church, last Sunday P.M. He said that a Christian is one who not merely keeps himself pure, but does positive good. And here the imagination plays an important part, for we must do, "put ourselves in *his* place," to do as we would be done by. It was a very fine sermon, and it was a pity that the bad weather gave an audience of only forty to hear it.

463 Lecture.

"UNITY OF GOD."— Notwithstanding the inclement weather, an audience which was very encouraging to the preacher, assembled at the Unitarian church last Sunday evening to hear the third lecture, in course, upon the above subject. The text was the saying which Jesus quoted from Moses: "Hear, oh Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord." This doctrine gives Unitarianism its name. After reading the portion of the Athanasian creed relating to the Trinity, because it is the oldest and most widely accepted statement of the doctrine in christendom, the speaker considered the following points: Nature teaches either *one God* or *many Gods*, not three in one. This Trinitarians admit, but claim that the trinity is revealed in Scripture. Not in the Old Testament, whose writers were Jews, who have always rejected the doctrine. Nor do Unitarians find it in the New. Its writers were also Hebrews and would have stated so important a doctrinal change clearly, yet in a popular Trinitarian compilation, there are *thirty* definite texts for the Unity; but for the Trinity only *twelve*, and of these dozen only one says anything about a Trinity, and that one a foot-note declares to be spurious; and every text claimed by Trinitarians has been repeatedly admitted by leading Trinitarian divines not to teach the doctrine. By the Unity is meant that God is One in person; One in Government, not sharing his Rule; One in character, as loving to men *after* death as *before;* and One in his Teaching in both Nature and Revelation. The lecture was preceded by a short Praise Meeting conducted by Dr. J. H. Richardson.

The fourth lecture on the Unity of Man will be given next Sunday, Feb. 5.

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Fues: Jan. 31. 1871.

464 Funeral. Full.

Responses "Gloria Patri"
Hymns. 565 - 498.
Bible. Rom. 8.
Flowers. Elegant & Plentiful.

MEDFIELD.

DEATH.—On Saturday, Jan. 28th, Arathutia Wight Parker, the wife of Mr. Henry Parker, passed on from this world, leaving an aching void. Two children also, aged four and a half years and three weeks, needed her here, but God in his mysteries called her away from husband and children alike. Mrs. Parker was a danghter of the late Orion Wight, and leaves a mother and many brothers and sisters to mourn her loss. The funeral was at the Unitarian Church on Tuesday, the 31st. The choir sang the hymns, "What is Life? 'tis like a flower," and "Sister, thou wast mild and lovely," a sentiment most appropriate to the deceased. Her age was 28 years. The following appropriate verses were read:

SYMPATHY.

Death came to the house of a friend of ours—
It was vain to bar the way;
With stealthy tread He stole up to the room
Where *she* so patient lay.

The heart of our friend with anguish He filled,
O'er the house He spread His pall,
And as night wore on, the pale watchers heard
The "death-watch" tick in the wall;

While shadows weird on the ceiling were thrown,
And still fainter grew her breath,—
Then a chilling silence came down o'er all,—
'Twas the dreadful hush of death.

We went to our friend in his hour of woe,
And we sat by his lonely hearth,
While she lay dead in the room near by,
And still was the dear child's mirth.

Did we whisper to him of comfort then,
And say it was wrong to mourn?
Did we dare to tell him, 'twas all for the best
That *she* from his side should be torn?

As we grasped his hand, in our glistening eyes,
He read more than words could tell;
He knew that we, too, drank deep of the cup
That is filled at sorrow's well.

Death had robbed us all of those whom we loved,
By that sad tie were we bound;
And the comfort sweet that no words can give
In sympathy true was found.

FLOWERS AT BURIALS.—What can be more beautiful! What more appropriate! The floral surroundings at a recent funeral here were so very expressive that a looker on could but exclaim, "How beautiful in Death!" Even a bunch of violets, laid by a friendly hand, is a touching tribute of sympathy.

Once in the Campo Santo at Naples, somebody had laid a faded wreath upon a pauper's corpse. In the jolting of the hier it fell off. In the party of visitors was a merry, ruddy gentleman who rarely alluded to serious things. As we turned away he lingered. Looking back we saw that he tarried only that he might lift the faded flowers and lay them tenderly upon the body. "Somebody loved him." There was the open door to the careless heart.

EAST MEDWAY.

BURNING OF ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL.—On Sunday morning soon after the beginning of service, the Rector of St. Clement's Church heard a crackling as of fire, and when the sexton opened the door into the porch, the belfry appeared to be on fire as high up as the clock, and in a few moments the whole roof was in flames. No an article was saved, the bell, partly melted being the only visible thing remaining. The fire probably caught from the furnace pipes or chimney, and ran up through the partitions or an aperture left for clock weights. Fire soon caught upon the school building, opposite the church, which owing to the freezing of the engine, was destroyed. The lower part of this building was occupied by the Messrs. Ware for the manufacture of organ pipes. For a time the whole neighborhood, including Holbrook's bell foundry and organ factory, was in imminent peril, but as the engine was again got into working order, and another machine came promptly from Medway Village, the firemen with great energy and much suffering from ice and frost, saved further destruction. The rectory, stables, and other buildings were not much injured. The property destroyed is valued at about $15,000, and insured for about one-third that sum.

The church was formerly owned and occupied by the Unitarian and Universalist Societies, but for some years has been used by the Episcopalians and known as St. Clements. When the Liberals gave up preaching they conveyed the use of the church to the Episcopalians, with ownership if worship were maintained for twelve years, and the building put in good order. The services have been sometimes very ritualistic. Once, a midnight Mass was held. Lately the school has been closed, and the services in the church have been of the ordinary Episcopal character. What will now be done with the property and whether the insurance accrued to the old parish or to the conditional occupants of the church who have greatly improved it, remains to be seen.

Sun. Feb. 8. 1891.

15° below zero. Clear.

465. School. 59.

Book. "Hard Scrabble". Kellogg.

Music. "'Tis sweet upon this Sacred day." tune: "A little word."

Lesson. Zephaniah & Haggai.

Pastor. preached in Dover in A. M. but returned soon after School opened.

Comm. on Magic Lantern reported that the display should be at the hall Feb. 17: Scholars under 12 to pay 10 cts.

466 Chh.

Hymns. 294 - 205. Bible. John 6.

Sermon. John 6:15. "When Jesus perceived" &c.

A Divinity Student had been expected but was not allowed (foolishly?) by the faculty to come; & so the pastor preached with hasty preparation.

THE PROPOSED RELIGIOUS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.—The Unitarian minister preached on this subject last Sunday afternoon. The text was about Jesus going away alone when the multitude wished to make him King by force. Admitting that the advocates of the amendment were earnestly desirous of promoting the divine kingdom of Christ, the speaker argued that so far from having such an effect, the proposed charge would be useless, as not altering anybody's opinions; unjust to Jews and Chinese, and a largely increasing class of active and good people; a departure from the received and successful religious neutrality of our government; and pernicious, as being the entering wedge for Catholics and Bigots to drive in further. If *thus* we seek to crowd out Jesus, he will leave us.

467 Lecture.

MEREDITH.

UNITY OF MAN was the title of the Unitarian lecture last Sunday evening. Owing to the cold the attendance was not very large but better than might have been expected, and the singing was capital at the Praise Meeting. The preacher used three texts, one from II. Corinthians 7th, and two from Acts 17. "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and Spirit." "God hath made of one blood all the nations upon earth"; "We are all His offspring," to illustrate three points involved in human unity. 1. As far as the world goes, body, soul and mind make the one being, and these work together. 2. Men are collectively one,—and this truth expels caste, aristocracy and slavery alike. 3. Men are morally one; children of one God, partaking his nature in some degree; and this makes the *total* sinfulness of any soul an impossibility, and these unities point to a common destiny.

Sun. Feb. 12. 1871

Snow storm.

468 School. - 66.

Music. "Who are these in bright array" &c

Book. Erie or Little by Little". Harbar. College Library.

General Lesson. Haggai & Zechariah.

469 Ohh.

Bible. John 12:20-36.

Hymns. 507-594.

Sermon. John 12:23.

"The hour is come when the Son of man is to be glorified."

It is natural that men should anticipate Death with terror & think, from its modes, that it comes from Sin, but death is needful not because we are sinners but human beings, necessary to growth & progress. Jesus calls death a glory. Let us!

Conference omitted on account of the Storm.

Sun. Feb. 19. 1871.

470 School. —110.

Music "Father breathe an evening blessing".

Book. Lake Shore. Series; No: 4

Lesson. Zechariah & Malachi.

Vote to ask Mr. Wilson ~~to~~ give a 2d exhibition of his Lantern. & matter referred to the same Committee.

Teacher. Albert M. Stone took a class. the Easter.

471 Chh. Full.

Bible. Luke 18: 9-18.

Hymns 124 old "majesty" — 358. Charity.

Sermon Luke 18: 9. "This parable — Pharisee & Publican — Jesus spoke to certain among them who trusted in their own righteousness & despised others".

The sin is not in saying "I am holier" but "I am holier than thou". Illustrated in religion & by Temperance & Slavery.

Weather Beautiful

472 Conference.

Leader. Pastor.

Speakers. Dr. Rdn. Mr. W. Rdn. Alb. Stone. Mary Sewall.

Subject. Care of Souls — as given in a recent address by Rev. S. H. Winkley of Boston.

Sun: Feb. 26. 1871.

Muddy. Pleasant. Raining.

473. School. " 106.
Books. First Builders " & "Ranald Bannerman's Boyhood."
Music. "O tis sweet to mingle where". tune: "Harvest Home".
Lesson. Malachi & Tobit.

School very active today.
Lent having begun, the trimming has been removed.
Scholar— Young man added.

474 Chh.
Hymns 175-476.
Bible John 4. "Woman of Samaria at the Well".
Sermon. " 4:2304.
"Worshipping God in Spirit & Truth."
4 Types of Worship.
1. Scenic. 2. Mechanical.
3. Obligatory. 4 Spiritual.
The Miracle play at Oberammergau in 1870 illustrates the 1st. Those who are Spiritual in worship see that Spirit everywhere. though clinging to their own type.

475 Conference

Led by nobody.
Opened by Pastor.
Theme. the box of precious ointment.
Speakers. Mrs. Wiggin, pastor, Mary Sewall, Mr Rdw, Albert Stone.

Sunday: Mch: 5. 1871.

Beautiful.

476 School. 122.

Book. "Driven to Sea". by Mrs. Cupples

Music. 691. "Lord we come to seek thy blessing."
adapted to an "Eve. Prayer" by Crosball.

Lesson. Esdras I & II & Tobit.

Class. Day. "Star King." a long prose recitation by Amos Shumway on "Bogoes."

Gift. A map of pictures from Christ's life. from Mrs. Plympton Kingsbury. Vote of Thanks.

Scholars. 2 girls added.

477. Chh.

Hymns 827-246. Bible. John last. 15-25

Sermon: John last = 15 v. "Lovest Thou Me?"
Description of the Scene. There are 2 sorts of love, Practical & Personal. Though the former is most important, yet the latter leads to it; as is clear in human relations.

Communion. Hymn 646 last 2 verses.
Jesus Broke the bread & forgot his own trials in helping others.
Allusion to Sickness of Mrs. Abigail Shumway.

Sun: Mch: 12: 1871

Clouds. Sunshine.
Wind high enough to shake the house.

478 School.
Speech. Rev. Henry F. Jenks: on Temptation
Book. Lake Shore Series.

479 Chh. Rev. H. F. Jenks
formerly of Fitchburg.
Hymns. 1 - 273.
Sermon. "Never man spake like this man."
Superiority of Jesus in his teaching &.
Their contrasts, beauty & power.

Rev. C. S. Locke & Pastor present.

REV. HENRY FITCH JENKS, lately of Fitchburg, occupied the Unitarian pulpit on Sunday afternoon, and preached a good sermon on the Language of Jesus a proof of His divine mission: "Never man spake as this man."

480 Lecture.

MEDFIELD.

THE FIRST PARISH held its annual meeting on the 13th; the old officers were re-elected:—Samuel Ellis, clerk; Geo. W. Kingsbury, collector and treasurer; C. Hamant, D. D. Curtis, Moses Hartshorn, Assessors and Committee. Amos W. Shumway presided. Wm. C. Allen and Miss Kate Hartshorn were chosen a Special Soliciting Committee, to obtain money to meet extra expenses. Twenty dollars were collected to defray the pastor's expenses to the National Conference last autumn, and this sum the pastor, who was present, then offered as his subscription for the ensuing year, provided a given sum be raised by the first of May. The Standing Committee were also appointed Trustees of the Ministerial Fund and instructions voted to collect all outstanding debts due to that fund. Satisfaction was expressed with the affairs of the parish and its pastoral relations.

REV. J. H. WIGGIN of this town has been elected a member of the Board of Direction of the Unitarian Sunday School Society, and placed upon its Publication Committee. He has accepted the appointment.

MEDFIELD.

UNITY OF THE DIVINE JEDGMENT AND METHOD OF SALVATION.—These were the subjects of the fifth Unitarian lecture last Sudnay evening. Taking two texts from I. Peter, first chapter, "The Father, who, without respect of persons, judgeth according to every man's work," and "consideriug the *end* of your faith, even the salvation of your souls," the preacher dwelt upon these points. With the popular notions of a great Judgment Day, or judgment only at death, Christianity is at variance, teaches continual divine judgments, or *crises*, which may include special seasons; and this judgment in exercised according to every man's absolute worth and work, not according to his belief or his fragmentary conduct. Salvation involves three things; 1st The end, that is salvation itself, the triumph of God in the nature and the expulsion of sin, not safety from deserved punishment. 2d. To this salvation many ways lead; faith, the church, retribution, &c.; but if these be not sought, there is needed the motive power, the propulsion; and 3d. This the world has in Christ, who saves, not by standing in any man's stead and allowing others to plead *his* righteousness, but by so teaching the right, and imparting goodness, that every one has more righteousness because of Him. The lecture closed with the Bible comparison between Moses and Jesus. As the Hebrews needed courage to flee from bondage, so do we; and as Moses inspired and led them, so does Christ lead us; yet as each Hebrew had to march and delve for himself, so we must "work out salvation with fear and trembling." Will it include me? That depends upon yourself. If by that question is meant, will the door ever be closed; "behold I have set an open door and no man can shut it." Is salvation universal, or *will* it be? We are God's children, and God has power finally to bring all to repentance. Will he? What would you do for your children, had you the power? What for the world? And are you better than Almighty God?

Motwithstanding the darkness, high wind and impending rain, a large audience was present, and the singing at the opening praise meeting, under Dr. Richardson's excellent lead, was *very* good and hearty.

Sun: Mch: 19. 1871.

Beautiful. Full.

481 School. -123-

Book - Robertson's Sermons - Vol 4th. Gift of Mrs. Hewins.

Music - Easter Hymn: Haydn. "The Lord is Risen."

Lesson. Tobit & Judith -

Scholar. Sam - Bennett has left town.

482 Chh.

Hymns. 379 - 79. Bible. II Pet. last chap.

Sermon. II Pet. 3:18. "But grow in Grace".

Why Liberal Christians, despite their broad views of God, should be deeply Religious. After sketching theological Changes & the futility of scaring people into religion, 3 points were considered. 1. We are spiritually dissatisfied. 2. Our present spiritual condition will not satisfy us ages hence. 3. There is no standing still spiritually. Better or worse is the rule.

483 Conference.

Leader. Pastor.

Subject. Paul's Conversion.

Speakers. Dr. Rdr. Hy Rdn, WJ. Lewall, Albt Hone. Good singing.

MR. DAVID WILSON gave a second exhibition of his large Magic Lantern at Curtis' Hall, Friday evening, March 24. The room was full of children from all parts of the town. One hundred and fifty views were shown, portraits, Pacific Railroad scenes, Cathedrals, Niagara pictures, statues, Bible pictures, Madonnas, copies from Raphael and Titian, and familiar Massachusetts buildings and landscapes, closing with a few colored comicalities. The little people enjoyed it very much, and testified their appreciation with a deal of noise, sometimes verging on the boisterous. A few recitations were well given, one by a little fellow of six years old.

Sun: March 26 1871

Pleasent & cool.

484 School. -114-

Speeches. Pastor about Haydn's youth & Drum music.
by Isaac Osgood — a farewell to the school.

Book. "Outpost". a lively story.

Music "Beyond the swelling flood". English.
539. "There is a land mine eye hath seen".

Lesson. Judith & Fragments of Esther.

Remarks. New in 2 small classes.

Flowers for Easter. Committee appointed =
Misses Fisher; Mrs. Kingsbury; Mary Sewall;
Mrs. Marshall.

Basket Present, of Spring flowers from Mrs. Kingsbury.

New Scholar. Albert Babcock = Baptist.

485 Chh.

Bible. Eccles. 9:10 — 10:3. Hymns: 418 — 904.

Sermon " " " "Do with thy might what thy hands find to do."
"Dropping Stitches" of 1. Time: not by constent work but by a judicious division of time. 2. Opportunity: the flood tide not to be sought diligently but taken when it comes. 3. Events: not by regarding them as signs of other events, but as valuable in themselves considered.

487 Conference.

Leader. Dr. Rdn.

Subject. God near & far.

Speakers. Pastor — Mary Sewall. Albert Stone.
Henry Rdn

Sun: Apr. 2. 1871.

Palm Sunday: Snow Storm.

488 School. 58.

Speech. Pastor on need of speaking in youth to prepare for citizenship in manhood.

Books. "Piccolissima" by Mrs. Follen. & "Julian Home" Fraser.

Music. "Rise Crowned with Light." &c. 781st hym. Chester.

Hymns. Appropriate to Palm Sunday.

Lesson. "Esther" & "Wisdom of Solomon".

Classes. Lincoln Class: 2 recitations. Palm Sun. unprepared.

489. Chh.

Bible. Day Narrative. from Luke 19.

Hymns. 232 - 789.

Music. Some extra for the day.

Sermon. Acts 11: 17. "The Lord Jesus Christ."

MEDFIELD.

PALM SUNDAY.—The services at the First Church were appropriate to the day, notwithstanding the inclement weather. The sermon was on the significance of the names, "Lord, Jesus, Christ," all which the preacher deemed important as applied to the Saviour; "Jesus" being the *home* name; "Lord," the title of respect; and "Christ," the pre-eminent name, indicating his exalted position in the Universe. Easter will be observed at this Church by Evening Vespers and a lecture on the "Unity of Life." Public invited.

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MEDFIELD.

REV. HENRY MORGAN gave his lecture on "Fast Young Men" in the Unitarian church, Wednesday evening, March 22nd. All who have heard Mr. Morgan know his peculiar style of oratory. He spoke for over thirty minutes, considering Fast Men who have hurried to destruction and those who have been rescued. Some passages are seldom excelled in beauty by any lecturer, while others smacked strongly of Boanerges. Many stories were admirably told, and Poe's "Raven" forcibly repeated. The illustrations from real life carried truth in their utterance, and did not sound "made up" as such stories in lectures too often do. A high moral tone was sustained throughout, and ribaldry, bigotry, impurity, selfishness, found no support in Mr. Morgan's utterances, and the speaker himself is evidently an unselfish man, of great nervous force and strong idiosyncrasies, making him an efficient missionary among those for whom he labors in Morgan chapel, yet making it necessary for him to work independent of leading-strings and organizations. The large audience passed rapidly from smiles to tears, and was moved by the speaker's histrionic power. Think of a man who has something at his chapel every evening in the week, and five meetings on Sunday! To lift a debt of $10,000 is his present purpose in lecturing.

490 Conference.

Leader. My Rdr.

Speaker. Pastor.

Subject. "Sin."

Easter: Apr: 9. 1871.

Dull.

492 School. -129-

Music. All Easter.

Speech Pastor on noise in a recent exhibition.

Book. "Birds of a feather". Proverb Series.

Manuals. Used in another small class

Lesson. Solomon & Sirach.

Flowers. Cross, Baskets &c. for Easter.

Strangers many present.

Photographs. Miss Lizzie Richardson asked about some photographs of Ferns given some time ago by Mrs. Farwell. Pastor replied that they were not in his keeping. They were brought in the eve by Miss Mary Sewall & placed on the window seats. Some misapprehension had prevented their coming before.

Classes Exercises by Easter. Three good Recitations.

493. Chh. Large Congregation

Bible "Holy City" &c. Revs.

Hymns 38–480.

C. S. Locke.

First Day.
Apr. 1871.

491 Union Service & Praise Meeting.

Fast Day —The proper authorities did not vouchsafe proclamations to the Medfield churches this year, but the day was nevertheless observed. In the morning there was a prayer meeting in the Orthodox vestry, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Eaton. The Unitarian minister was present and spoke by invitation. In the afternoon the Baptists held a Conference. The regular public service was this year in the First Church in the evening. For a half hour Dr. Richardson conducted a Praise Meeting. W. Russell Smith played the large organ, and Mr. Cunningham the smallest instrument. Rev. Wm. Brown of Sherborn, preached a short and excellent sermon on the Christian duty of self-control over the Passions, Affections, and Appetites, touching the temperance question, its difficulties and failures. The meeting was well attended by all classes, and the singing was very hearty. The Second Congregational Sunday School held its regular annual meeting and re-elected Geo. M. Fiske, Superintendent.

Mr. Jacob Marshall, aged 76, was buried from his late residence on Tuesday, April 4. Rev. J. R. Eaton read the Scriptures and offered prayer. Remarks were made by Rev. J. H. Wiggin, calling attention to the benevolence, public spirit, and honesty of the deceased, as shown by his kindness to the poor, his interest in town progress and his uprightness.

Tues. Eve. Apr. 18.

498 Lecture.

MEDFIELD.

TEMPERANCE.—Rev. Mr. Vibbert of the Legislature, lectured at the Unitarian church on Tuesday evening the 18th. He took strong grounds in favor of the absolute need of prohibition, illustrating his position by the statistics of crime. The lecture lasted an hour and a quarter, and was listened to with attention by the largest audience that has turned out for temperance in this town for a long time. A collection was taken at the close. By petition, the Selectmen have called a town meeting to take action in regard to the permissive clause of the present liquor law.

1894.

1894 Easter Vespers.

1. Organ Introduction:
2. Sentences during Music:
3. Anthem: "Mighty Jehovah."
4. Short Poem on Easter read.
5. ~~Ascription~~ Responses sung from the Gloria.
6. Isaiah 53. Old Testament Reading.
7. Sacred Song. Shades of Evening.
8. Luke 24: 1–12. Easter Narrative.
9. Ascription from Gloria sung.
10. Prayer.
11. "Thou who didst stoop below." Sung: chant.
12. Hymn: 252. "Thou art the way!"
13. Lecture on "Unity of Life".
14. "Lift your glad voices". Chanted.
15. Hymn 63. "Now may he" &c.
16. Benediction.
17. Organ Music.

MEDFIELD.

Easter was, as usual, carefully observed at the Unitarian Church. In the Sunday School all the music was appropriate to the day and a spirited hymn by Haydn sung, and the Easter class recited Easter pieces. In the afternoon Rev. C. S. Locke, of West Dedham, conducted service and gave a fine sermon on the Nature of Heaven, its Happiness, Rest, Activity, and Spiritual Qualities, from the text: "We know not yet what we shall be." In the evening a fine Verper service was held. The lecture, one of the doctrinal course, was on the Unity of Life, from the passage: "God is not God of the dead but of the living." Setting aside all theories, whether held by Pagans or Catholics, Ballon or Calvin, which disunite future life and present, Unitarians believe in life's continuity. Whether the soul goes, after it leaves this world, into one place and remains, or journies, by God's will, through many worlds, the soul's identity will be preserved, like the life of one who travels in many cities. This unity means not stoppage. A river, stagnated, ceases to be a river. A river is not its *banks*, nor its *water*, but the undefinable, *tout ensemble*, and well illustrates the onflow of life. In closing, the preacher read Tennyson's beautiful verses, "The Brook," and described a soul as coming in contact with shadow and sunshine, and able to say in the words:

"And out again I curve and flow,
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever."

The opening anthem was very elaborate and excellent, and the responses and ascriptions were finely sung. The sacred song brought out the fresh, rich voice of Miss Ella Allen, but where all do well it is not easy to discriminate. Pleyel's Hymn, with the words, "Now may he who from the dead," sang grandly at the close. The church was well attended all day and was very full at Vespers. The floral decorations were very fine, especially the cross and baskets. Five young ladies acted on the committee.

Sunday April 16. 1871

Cloudy

495 School. 118

Book. Last of Lake Shore series.

Music. Miscellaneous.

Speech. Rev. A. M. Haskell of West Roxbury

"Be good & you will be happy".

496. Chh. A. M. Haskell.

Hymns. 420 - 763.

Sermon.

REV. A. M. HASKELL of West Roxbury, preached by exchange at the Unitarian Church last Sunday, and preached a sermon which was much enjoyed, on "Every seed yielding fruit after its kind;" the importance of character underlying action.

497 Conference.

Leader. Geo. W. Kingsbury.

Subject. Doing good from hope of reward, or principle.

Speakers. A. Stone; Mary Sewall; Mr Rdn;

Pastor who arrived late.

Sunday Apr 23 1871.

Cloudy.

499 School. 100.

Books Child's Magazine. Life of Chas. Lamb.
Music "Nelly's Way" "Mighty one whose name is holy".
Classes. Walker. Class at Leisure. No pieces ready.
Lesson Ecclesiasticus & Baruch.
Pastor. Preached in Sherborn on account of the death of the pastor's father, Mr. Brown of Concord, but returned in time for part of the school duties.

500 Chh.

Bible. I Samuel: last. Hymns. 513-569.
Sermon " " 31:4.
Suicide — of Saul.
Quotations & instances in favor of Suicide from Philosophers of Greece & Rome. Reasons against it in modern days. 1. Cowardly. 2. Selfish. 3. Burdens others. 4. Unsettles Soc'y. 5. Contrary to tendency of Christianity. 6. No right to go unripe into the future.

Flowers. Fine but few.
Delegates. chosen to Conference.

ABNER H. WENZELL died on the 20th of April, nearly two weeks after the sad occurance mentioned last week. His funeral took place in the Baptist church the next day. Mr. Wenzell formerly taught here and was much respected. The village schools were therefore closed. His Baptist pastor from Marlboro, was unable to be present. The Orthodox minister from that town, Rev. Mr. Treat, was present, however, and read the Bible and offered prayer. Rev. J. M. R. Eaton of Medfield, gave a short sermon on the text from Psalms, "Clouds and darkness are round about him; righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne;" illustrating the mystery and goodness of God's dealings by the fall of man, and the lives of Joseph and Jesus. A large choir sang some beautiful music. A large congregation of sympathizing friends were in attendance. The services were very appropriate.

501. Conference.
Leader. Robt Pope.
Subject by Pastor: Deaths of ministers: Merrick, Scandlin, Angier, & Father Taylor.
Speakers Mary Jewell. Wm Rdn.
Prayer & hymns suggested by Other.

Delegates:

Everett L. T. & wife.

~~Lyd~~. W. Guild.

Plymouth & wife.

Mr. & Mrs. S. Green.

Mr. & Mrs. N. Harding.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Chase.

Mr. & Mrs. Wm Marshall.

Norfolk Conference of Unitarian and other Christian Churches.

Medfield, April 18, 1871.

The next session will be at Grantville, on Thursday, April 27th, at 10 1-2 A. M.

The Report of the Committee, to which was referred the suggestions of the National Conference in regard to the examination of Ministerial Candidates, will be in order.

An Essay will be given by Rev. Adams Ayer of Boston Highlands, on "Family Worship", to be followed by discussion.

The meeting will be in Maugus Hall, which is only a few minutes walk from the Station.

Inasmuch as the Grantville Society is newly formed and is at present lifting heavy burdens, this will be a "Basket Meeting." Friends attending are requested to bring refreshments. The Grantville people will provide Tea and Coffee and will take charge of the packages as they arrive.

Grantville is on the Boston and Albany Railroad, midway between Boston and Framingham. Trains leave Boston at 7 and 10 A. M. A train leaves Framingham Junction about 10 o'clock. Free Return tickets over the Boston and Albany, Clinton and Fitchburg and Mansfield and Framingham Railroads will be furnished by the Secretary.

Each Church in the Conference is entitled to six or more delegates.

It is hoped that this new society will be encouraged by the presence of many from your parish, and that Unitarians living on the lines of the B. & A. and B. C. & F. roads will be present, even though not belonging within the limits of the Norfolk Conference.

J. MASON EVERETT,
President.

J. H. WIGGIN,
Secretary.

Sun. Apr. 30. 1871.
Pleasant & warm.

502 School.
Speech. Rev. G. F. Piper of Canton.
Book.

503 Chh.
Hymns. 782 - 162.

Rev. G. F. Piper.

Sermon. on Love: & Obedience without it
Text. "He that loveth not knoweth not God." 1 Jo

"HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS."—Mr. Cummings the agent, spoke in the Baptist Church in the P.M., and the Orthodox in the evening of Sunday, April 30th, setting forth the work of the mission in glowing terms. A group of the children from the Home sung as usual their childish pieces. A collection of about ninety dollars was taken in the two meetings. This Home is doing a good work which its agents claim to be entirely unsectarian in character, children being placed in families belonging to all Christian denominations except the Roman Catholic. This Baldwin Place Home and the Childrens' Mission are carrying on similar charities, and if there were two or three other such institutions in Boston, still there would be room for more.

Sunday May 7. 1871

Cloudy.

504 School. —125—

Book. "In the Clearing."

Music. Haydn's "Creation". "The Spacious Firmament." &c.

Classes. St. James Class. 2 recitations.

Lesson. "Song of 3 children" & Review of Baruch.

Speech Pastor about Canton & West Roxbury schools. & Oratorios — Specially "Creation".

Cards. Distributed as usual.

Committee of Service Books for the month.
Arthur Walcott & Frank Hyde.

505 Chh.

Bible. Acts 6. Stephen's Arrest. Hymns. 648–813.

Sermon. " 6:14. "Jesus should change the Customs of Moses."

God ordains Progress through the establishment of good habits = illustrated in many ways.

Flowers. Sewall & Kingsbury.

Eve. Black Valley &c.

BOOK CLUB.—The annual auction was held at the house of the Secretary on Wednesday, May 10. Mr. Charles Hamant was the auctioneer, and the accummulated magazines and books brought better prices than last year.

REV. MR. HANKS lectured in the Baptist church last Sunday evening on Temperance, exhibiting his painting of the Black Valley Railroad, and illustrating his lecture therewith. A good audience was present, and the speaker gave a vivacious discourse, touching unsparingly the drunkard's career.

INSTALLATION

OF

REV. A. B. VORSE,

AS PASTOR OF THE

UNITARIAN SOCIETY,

GRANTVILLE, MAY 5th, 1871.

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SERVICES WILL BEGIN AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

AVON STREET (37) PRINTING OFFICE.

Order of Service.

I. INVOCATION.

Rev. ~~D. C. Sprague, of Framingham.~~ B. F. Young

II. READING OF SCRIPTURES.

Rev. Wm. Brown, of Sherborn,

III. ORIGINAL HYMN,

By Rev. E. H. Sears.

Father of mercies! on thy waiting servant
Shed in rich measure thy baptizing grace,
Make his hands strong, his heart and lips make fervent
To preach glad tidings from this sacred place.

O here may thy people, earthly cares forgeting,
Breathe the sweet quiet which thy temple fills;
And may their sun of life when near its setting
Clothe in more beauteous gleams its western hills.

May childhood learn the words by Jesus spoken
And give to him its fresh and morning hours
Ere sin the early charm of life hath broken,
And while the dews lie sparkling on the flowers.

And here may all—old man or blooming maiden
When with the grievous load of sin oppressed,
Hear Jesus' voice—O come ye heavy laden—
Come unto me and I will give you rest!

And passing on through earth's brief joys and trials,
May priest and people join the immortal throng
Who sweeter incense waft from golden vials,
And worship thee in their unending song.

IV. "Sabbath for Man" SERMON.

Rev. James F. Clarke, of Boston.

V. PRAYER OF INSTALLATION.

Rev. S. W. Bush. Admirable.

VI. HYMN.

O God whose presence glows in all
Within, around us, and above!
Thy word we bless, thy name we call
Whose word is truth, whose name is love.

That truth be with the heart believed
Of all who seek this sacred place;
With power proclaimed, in peace received,
Our spirits light, thy spirit's grace.

That love its holy influence pour,
To keep us meek, and make us free,
And throw its binding blessing more,
Round each with all, and all with thee.

Send down its angel to our side—
Send in its calm repose upon the breast,
For we would know no other guide,
And we can need no other rest.

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VII. CHARGE TO THE PASTOR.

Rev. Prof. E. J. Young, of Cambridge.

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VIII. RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP.

Rev. George S. Folsom, of Dedham.

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IX. ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE.

Rev. J. H. Wiggin, of Medfield.

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X. CONCLUDING PRAYER.

Rev. Horatio Alger, of South Natick.

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XI. HYMN.

Glorious in thy saints appear;
Plant thy heavenly kingdom here;
Light and life to all impart;
Shine on each believing heart.

And in every grace complete,
Make us, Lord, for glory meet;
Till we stand before thy sight
Partners with the saint

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Pastor
+ Ellis Allen -

Sunday May 14.
Bright & cool.

506 School. -129-

Book. "Balloon Ascents".
Music. "As the Hart for Water Brooks."
Committee on Flowers - Mrs. Geo. Kingsbury, Mary Sewall, Sarah Wright, Mary Fisher, Dora Shumway.
Lesson. "Song of S." & "Susannah".

507. Chh.

Hymns. 732 Spring. 151.
Bible. Josh. 6. Taking of Jericho.
Sermon. " 6:20.
Unsociability. A fact, especially in New England & among Unitarians; Causes: nature, Individuality, Aristocracy, Culture; Remedies: Democratic feeling, Some object of Common interest, Each to do his part.

Flowers. Pastor's. Giver unknown.
Collection. Annual Sunday School Society. $20.00

508. Lecture.

MEDFIELD.

UNITY OF FAITH, RELIGION, AND THE CHURCH.—This was the subject of the closing doctrinal lecture at the First Church, Sunday evening, May 14. The text was from Ephesians,—a very Unitarian text—"One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, &c. These points were touched—Faith, which is higher than opinion, lays hold upon God, and is the same in every soul possessing it. Whatever the creed, strictly speaking, there can be but one religion. A true definition from a Baptist neighbor was quoted, "Religion is such an apprehension of the character of God as leads to love and service towards himself, and a corresponding love and service towards men. As the earth springs into many forms, daisies and wheat, so religion shapes itself into deformities and beauties, yet comes from kindred desires and faculties. Those who have true faith and religion, constitute the true invisible Church of God and Christ; and, though for practical work, we separate into societies, yet the unseen Church of all religious souls is highest, and all forms work together, and there is a higher unity of the spirit. In the Praise Meeting which preceded, the singing, led by Dr. Richardson, was very hearty. A good audience was present, comprising some persons from several miles away.

Sunday: 21st. May 1871.
Pleasant.

509 School. 121.
Book. "Birds of a feather". Proverb Series.
Speech. Rev. J. F. Waterhouse. of Clinton - Mass.
Business. Voted that Mrs. Wiggin & Mrs. Hewins be made life Members of the Austin Sunday school. with the $20 last Sunday collected.
Coterie. Voted not to repeat immediately the recent coterie.

510 Chh.
Rev. J. F. Waterhouse.
Sermon. "Faithfulness in little things".

WHITSUNDAY will be observed in the Unitarian church next Sunday afternoon with vespers and sermon.

REV. J. F. WATERHOUSE of Clinton preached in this house last Sunday on "Faithfulness in Little Things."

MEDFIELD.

COTERIE.—The Unitarians held one of these gatherings at Curtis' Hall, on Friday evening, May 19th. A home-made operetta, "The Kindergarten," prepared originally for the Sunday-school in Framingham, by the pastor, Rev. H. G. Spaulding, and teachers, was sung, the parts being distributed as follows:—

Miss Miggs, } Teachers, Emma Bruce.
Miss Biggs, } Ella Allen.
Mrs. Brownley Brown, farmer's wife, Lizzie Wyatt.
Mrs. Deforest Jones, shopkeeper, Almira Bruce.
Anule, her assisiant, Jennie Clarke.
Mozart Mills, Music teacher, Albert M. Stone.

Fifteen to twenty girls and a few boys sung in the chorus. The scenes represent teachers giving Object Lessons to the Kindergarten pupils in the school-room, toy shop, farm-house, and concluded with the examination by the Committee. The performance was very creditable to the children and young people concerned. The dialogues were very well sung, and the choruses hearty. Miss Annie Clarke presided at the organ.

"The Temptation or the Happy Return" was then given with this cast:—

Robert Morton, lawyer, Simon Stone.
Harry Drayton, sailor, Albert M. Stone.
Oliver, clerk, Albert Babcock.
Mary Drayton, Mary E. Hewins.

The play was well acted and there was little prompting and few halts, though the "machinists" once mistook the sham clock striking for the curtain bell, and closed accordingly. Some of the situations were very much better done than is common in amateur histrionism. The hall was crowded to the melting point. The profits are to be given to the Children's Missio[illegible]

511 Conference.
Leader. A. M. Stone.
Subject. Love & fear of God.
Speakers. Dr. Rox, Mrs. Wiggin, Mary Sewall.

Pastor. Sick abed from Sat. till Thurs.

Whitsunday: May 28 1871.
Very Pleasant.

512 School. —136—

Book "We Girls" by Mrs. Whitney.
Music "One by one". "On the dewy breath of even."
Lesson "Bel & the Dragon".
Class. Whitsunday. One Reading by Abbie Hartshorn
Death. noticed in School.

On Saturday evening, the 20th, a young lad, named Joseph Wiley, living with his grandmother Newell on Bridge street, died with malignant scarlet fever after two days' illness. On account of the character of the disease, by official advice, the body was immediately taken to the cemetery without religious service.

Several children in Capt. Sears' family have been sick with mild scarlet fever, but have recovered.

513. Chh.

Flowers A fine display.

1. Organ voluntary. 2. Sentences read by minister.
3. Anthem 4. "Father in thy mysterious presence" by S. Johnson.
5. Responsive Psalm. 6. Prayer.
7. "Wilt thou not visit me?" 8. Isaiah 1: 10-19.
9. "Our Blest Redeemer". 10. Roms. 12: 1-9.
11. Hymn 297. "Come blessed Spirit". 12. Sermon.
13. Lord's Prayer. 14. Chant.
15. Hymn "Father of Light." 16. Benediction.

WHITSUNDAY.—There was a very fine display of flowers in the First Church. The Jubilee Anthem was finely sung and also "Wilt thou not visit me?" "Our Blest Redeemer" and other Whitsunday chants. The sermon was on the text: "By kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned," and developed the idea that not selfishness but love is the work of God in human nature, and this element is to be cultivated. The operations of selfishness and love in the family, church, community, were dwelt upon.

514 Conference.
Leader. Henry Kerr.
Speakers. Pastor &c.

PRAISE MEETING.—A mass praise meeting, on Dr. Tourjee's new plan, will be held at the Unitarian church, Sunday evening next, June 4th, beginning at half-past seven precisely. Mr. John Ord will lead. All are cordially invited. Seats free. There will be no address or sermon but simply praise, and the meeting will be purely unsectarian.

ACCIDENTS.—Miss Sarah Wight, who is still teaching in Dover, has sprained her ankle badly, and on Saturday evening Mr. Simon Stone broke his collar bone.

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Decoration Day.
Fred: May 30 1871.

MEMORIAL DAY.

MEDFIELD, MASS.,

MAY, 30, 1871.

MOSES ELLIS POST, No. 117, G. A. R., acting conjointly with the Committee chosen by the citizens do respectfully present the following programme for Decoration Day in this place.

Services will be held in the Unitarian Church at 2.45, P. M.

PRESIDENT OF THE DAY, REV. J. H. WIGGIN.

Order of Exercises.

I. MUSIC.

II. PRAYER. Rev J. H. Little

III. SINGING.

ORIGINAL HYMN, BY B. J. BABCOCK.

IV. MEMORIAL ADDRESS,

BY

J. Q. A. BRACKETT, ESQ.,

President of the Mercantile Library Association, Boston, Mass.

V. SINGING. "AMERICA."

VI. REMARKS. Little G. M. Fiske. Brackett Dr. Rich. Dea. Cummings

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE DAY AND OTHERS.

The Procession will then form in the following order.

Chief Marshall, J. B. HALE, ESQ.

FOXBORO BRASS BAND.

MOSES ELLIS POST, No. 117, G. A. R.

E. P. CARPENTER POST, No. 91, G. A. R.

SPEAKERS, GUESTS, TOWN OFFICERS, &c.

SCHOOL CHILDREN, under the direction of MR. W. PARKER.

CITIZENS.

Services at the Cemetery.

DECORATION OF SOLDIER'S GRAVES.

PRAYER, DOXOLOGY, AND BENEDICTION.

DECORATION DAY.—Services were held under the auspices of "Moses Ellis" Post and the citizens committee. The Foxboro' Band met the Foxboro' Post, "E. P. Carpenter," at the station, at half-past two o'clock. Under the escort of the Medfield Post they proceeded to the Unitarian church. At three o'clock Mr. Cunningham played a voluntary on the organ. Rev. J. H. Wiggin presided and called upon Rev. J. H. Little of Foxboro' to return thanks to God. The following original hymn written by B. J. Babcock was sung.

(Tune: "SHINING SHORE.")

Loud, o'er our land, the Trump of War
Its clarion note was sounding;
Forth sprang the brave, their land to save;
The rebel host confounding.

CHORUS.

Those boys in blue, were brave and true;
Let us their memory cherish:
Though kings and princes be forgot,
Their names shall never perish.

The traitor came, with boasting breath,
To rend our land asunder—
The freemen met the host of death,
With, "Traitors, stand from under!"
CHORUS.—Those boys in blue, &c.

To-day, a nation on their graves,
Spring's sweetest flowers is strewing;
While many a wife and parent stands
With tears the soil bedewing.
CHORUS.—Those boys in blue, &c.

Honor the brave, who died to save
From ills that did betide us;
Firm for the right, let us unite,
And naught shall then divide us.
CHORUS.—Those boys in blue, &c.

Mr. Wm. Tilden led the singing which was accompanied by the Band. The oration was then delivered without notes by J. Q. A. Brackett, a young Boston lawyer and President of the Mercantile Library Association. It was short and good and abounded in felicitous poetic quotations. The congregation sang America. The President then called out Rev. J. H. Little of Foxboro', who spoke of duties to the living, Commander E. B. Jewett of Foxboro', Commander Geo. M. Fiske of Medfield, "the beloved physician" Dr. Richardson, who spoke of the women in the war, and Dea. Cummings. The procession was then formed and walked to the cemetery. After prayer by the President of the Day, the doxology, "From all that dwell," and the benediction, the friends from abroad went to the Post Hall where a substantial collation was served. The occasion was saddened by the absence of the late Commander, H. J. Daniels, who died during the year, and a new portrait of whom hangs in the hall. The Medfield Band was doing good and hard service at Natick. It is with regret that we notice a growing tendency to make this day a holiday instead of a *Holy* Day. Its purpose is the quiet, local, spontaneous and religious tribute of flowers to the dead, and this purpose ought to be maintained unless the day itself is to grow into disrepute. We have one Fourth of July already.

Praise Meeting Circular, No. 3.

AN HOUR OF PRAISE.

VOLUNTARY BY THE CHOIR.

RESPONSIVE SELECTIONS.

SELECTION I.

Minister. 1. Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise in the congregation of saints.

People. 2. Serve the LORD with gladness; come before his presence with singing.

1. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

2. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth; make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

1. Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

2. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

1. I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

2. I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

SELECTION II.

1. In the days of David and Asaph of old *there were* chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God.

2. And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of *instruments made of* fir-wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

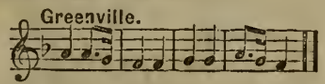
1. And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

2. And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because *he is* good, for his mercy *endureth* for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD.

1. *Leader:*—O, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Response by the Congregation.

Greenville.



OR NETTLETON.

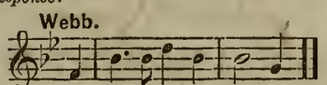
Come, thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount—I'm fixed upon it;
Mount of thy redeeming love!

PRAYER.

2. *Leader:*—Sing unto the Lord a new song and his praise from the ends of the earth. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice. Let the inhabitants of the rock sing. Let them shout from the top of the mountains.

Response:—

Webb.



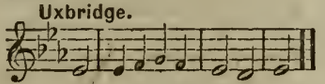
When shall the voice of singing
Flow joyfully along?
When hill and valley, ringing
With one triumphant song,
Proclaim the contest ended,
And Him who once was slain,
Again to earth descended,
In righteousness to reign.

Then from the craggy mountains
The sacred shout shall fly,
And shady vales and fountains
Shall echo the reply.
High tower and lowly dwelling
Shall send the chorus round,
All hallelujahs swelling
In one eternal sound.

3. *Leader:*—David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord; because he is good, for his mercy endureth forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord.

Response:—

Uxbridge.



OR WARREN.

THE ORGAN may be employed with great advantage in these meetings. Attention should be given to the following points:

1. After the chord upon the Organ let the congregation at once unite heartily on the *first* note.
2. Interludes should be entirely discarded.
3. Organ to be played *full*; the time, however, not to be marked by the instrument, but by a precentor. The last note of each line should be prolonged when the structure of the phrase will permit.

THE CHOIR should sit together at the front, and be prepared, not only with an opening voluntary, but also with several other appropriate pieces to be sung when the Leader shall direct.

The "Leader" who reads should not be the one who leads the singing, but usually the preacher. He should frequently make three-minute speeches, containing incidents relating to the hymns, and remarks appropriate to the hour.

The second verse in the responses is only to be sung when called for by the Leader; unfamiliar pieces may be omitted at his discretion; he should ask the congregation to rise, during a hymn, at least four times during the programme.

O thou to whom in ancient time,
The holy prophet's harp was strung;
To thee at last in every clime
Shall temples rise and praise be sung.

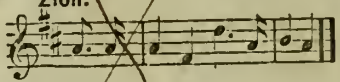
From every place below the skies
The grateful song, the fervent prayer,
The incense of the heart may rise
To heaven and find acceptance there.

REMARKS ON CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE.

4. *Leader:*—I will sing praise unto my God while I have any being. For his name alone is excellent, and his glory is above the earth and heaven.

Response:—

Zion.

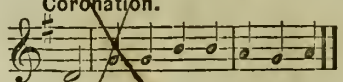


O thou God of my salvation,
My Redeemer from all sin;
Moved by thy divine compassion,
Who hast died my heart to win,
I will praise thee:
Where shall I thy praise begin?

5. *Leader:*—I will praise the Lord with my whole heart in the assembly of the upright and the congregation.

Response:—

Coronation.

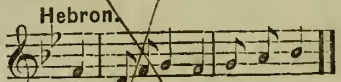


O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise;
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

6. *Leader:*—Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly with all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Response:—

Hebron.

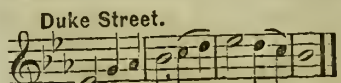


Come, let us tune our loftiest song,
And raise to Christ our joyful strain;
Worship and thanks to him belong,
Who reigns, and shall for ever reign.

Burn every breast with Jesus' love;
Bound every heart with rapt'rous joy;
And saints on earth, with saints above,
Your voices in his praise employ.

7. *Leader:*—Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all the earth; make a loud noise and rejoice and sing praise.

Duke Street.



Response:—

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise:
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.

8. *Leader:*—Sing unto the Lord a new song and his praise in the congregation of saints.

Response:—

I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above;
Of Jesus and his glory,
Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else would do,
I love to tell the story;
'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love.

9. *Leader:*—Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.

Response:—

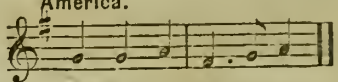
DUKE ST.

We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,
High as the heavens our voices raise;
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.

10. *Leader:*—I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

Response:—

America.



Come, thou Almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise!
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of days.

11. *Leader:*—Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Response:—

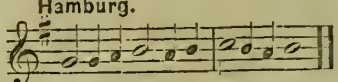
CORONATION, OR "HOW I LOVE JESUS."

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all.

12. *Leader:*—Sing unto the Lord, bless his name, show forth his salvation from day to day.

Response:—

Hamburg.



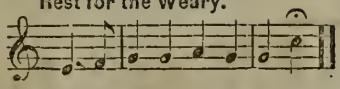
God of my life, through all my days
My grateful powers shall sound thy praise;
My song shall wake with opening light,
And cheer the dark and silent night.

When anxious cares would break my rest,
And griefs would tear my throbbing breast,
Thy tuneful praises, raised on high,
Shall check the murmur and the sigh.

13. *Leader:*—Praise the name of the Lord: praise him, O, ye servants of the Lord. Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God, praise the Lord; for the Lord is good; sing praises unto his name.

Response:—

Rest for the Weary.

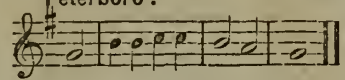


Sing, O, sing, ye heirs of glory;
Shout your triumph as you go;
Zion's gate will open for you,
You shall find an entrance through.
Chorus.

14. *Leader:*—Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Response:—

Peterboro'.

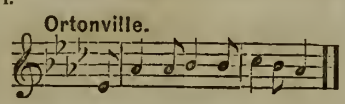


Come, ye that love the Savlour's name,
And joy to make it known,
The Sov'reign of your hearts proclaim,
And bow before his throne.

Behold your Lord, your Master, crown'd
With glories all divine:
And tell the wond'ring nations round,
How bright those glories shine.

15. *Leader:*—Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all deeps; fire and hail, snow and vapor; stormy wind fulfilling his word; mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars; beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying fowl.

Ortonville.



Response:—

Eternal Wisdom! thee we praise,
Thee the creation sings:
With thy loved name, rocks, hills, and seas,
And heaven's high palace, rings.

16. *Leader:*—Kings of the earth and all people; princes and all judges of the earth; both young men and maidens; old men and children; let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

Let the people praise thee, O Lord; let all the people praise thee.

CORONATION, OR "HOW I LOVE JESUS."

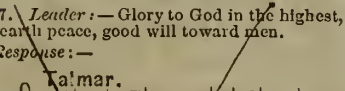
Response:—

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.

17. *Leader:*—Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Response:—

Talmar.



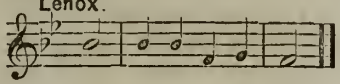
Listen to the wondrous story,
Which they chant in hymns of joy:—
Glory in the highest, glory,
Glory be to God most high!

Hasten, mortals, to adore Him;
Learn his name, and taste his joy;
Till in heaven ye sing before Him,—
Glory be to God most high!

18. *Leader:*—But let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because Thou defendest them: let them also that love Thy name be joyful in Thee.

Response:—

Lenox.



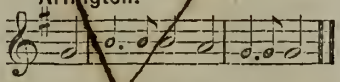
OR, LISCHER.

Rejoice, the Lord is King;
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore;
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

19. *Leader:*—I will praise Thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned Thy righteous judgments.

Response:—

Arlington.



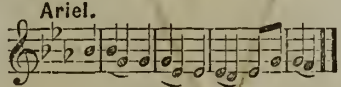
OR, NAOMI.

O, for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free:—
A heart that always feels Thy blood,
So freely spilt for me.

20. *Leader:*—Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Response:—

Ariel.



OR MERIBAH.

O, could I speak the matchless worth
O, could I sound the glories forth
Which in my Saviour shine!
I'd soar, and touch the heavenly strings,
And vie with Gabriel, while he sings,
In notes almost divine.

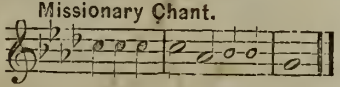
I'd sing the characters he bears,
And all the forms of love he wears,
Exalted on his throne:
In loftiest songs of sweetest praise,
I would to everlasting days
Make all his glories known.

21. *Leader:*—O, come let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation; for the Lord is a great God and a great King above all Gods.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of thy mouth.

Response:—

Missionary Chant.

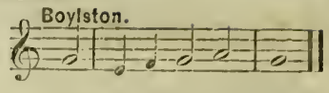


In every land begin the song;
To every land the strains belong:
In cheerful sounds all voices raise,
And fill the world with loudest praise.

22. *Leader:*—Make a joyful noise unto God all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his name; make His praise glorious.

Response:—

Boylston.



Ye pilgrims, on the road
To Zion's city, sing:
Rejoice ye in the Lamb of God,—
In Christ, the eternal King.

Soon shall we hear him say,—
Ye blessed children come;
Soon will he call us hence away,
To our eternal home.

23. *Leader:*—And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

Response:—

Shall we gather at the river.
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide for ever
Flowing by the throne of God?
Yes; we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

24. *Leader:*—And when he had taken the book, the four beasts, and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue and people, and nation:

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts, and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Response:—

LISCHER, or LENOX, or "Jesus Paid it All."

Extol the Lamb of God,—
The all-atoning Lamb;
Redemption in His blood
Throughout the world proclaim:
The year of jubilee is come;
Return, ye ransom'd sinners, home.

25. *Leader:*—The Lamb which is in the midst of the throne, shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Response:—

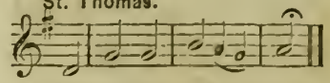
"Land ahead!" its fruits are waving
O'er the hills of fadeless green;
And the living waters laving
Shores where heavenly forms are seen.

Rocks and storms I'll fear no more,
When on that eternal shore.
Drop the anchor! furl the sail!
I am safe within the vail!

26. *Leader:*—And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and of the Lamb forever.

Response:—

St. Thomas.



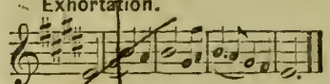
OR LABAN, or tune of "Salvation's Free."

Awake, and sing the song
Of Moses and the Lamb;
Wake, every heart and every tongue,
To praise the Saviour's name.
Sing of His dying love;
Sing of His rising power;
Sing how he intercedes above
For those whose sins He bore.

27. *Leader:*—And I heard from heaven as a voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder; and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps.

Response:—

Exhortation.



OR, ANTIOCH.

When I've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
I've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when I first begun.

28. *Leader:*—Bless the Lord, ye his angels that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts: ye ministers of his that do his pleasure. Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Response:—

ZION, OR GREENVILLE.

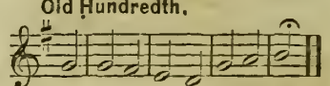
While the angel choirs are crying,
Glory to the great I AM,
I with them will still be vying:
Glory! glory to the Lamb!
O how precious
Is the sound of Jesus' name.

Angels now are hovering round us,
Unperceived amid the throng;
Wond'ring at the love that crown'd us,
Glad to join the holy song;
Hallelujah!
Love and praise to Christ belong!

29. *Leader:*—Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

Response:—

Old Hundredth.



OR, SESSIONS.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

BENEDICTION.

This circular is to be followed by others of the same plan regarding the "Promises," the "Beatitudes," "Christian Experience," "Life of Christ," "Names of Christ," "Missionary Service," "An Hour of Prayer," and others.

"Christ in Song," and "Evenings with the Sacred Poets," may be examined with profit by the leader and others in connection with these circulars for incidents and inspiration.

Sun. June 4. 1871.
Very hot.

516 School — 99 —
Book. "Children Crusades": G. Z. Grey.
Music. "Angry Words": "Hark the voice of love & mercy" &c
Comm. on Service Books. Alden Wheeler & Eddy Rhoades.
General Lesson Bel & Dragon & Prayer of Manasses.
Speech Pastor on Ladies Commission & Sunday Schools.
Flowers. in great profusion.

517 Chh.
Hymns 449 - 829. Bible. Nums. 29: 1-14.
Sermon. Anniversary Week.
Nums. 29: 12. About a Jewish Week.
Points: Rev. R. R. Shippen, the new Secretary of the A. U. A. Women elected upon the board. Always friction where there is fire. Dr. Tourjée of the Young Men's Asson Presence at Y. M. Ch. Union meeting. Chunder Sen. Rev. Mr. Treson from England. Local Conferences.

518. Praise Meeting. Vide Circular.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

PRAISE MEETING.—A large congregation composed of all denominations gathered for a praise meeting in the Unitarian Church, last Sunday evening, June 4. Dr. Tourjee's Circular, called "An hour of praise," was used with a few omissions. W. Russell Smith presided at the organ. John Ord, Jr., led. The pastor of the church read the Scripture selections interspersed with prayer. The Congregation not only joined most heartily in Greenville, Webb, Uxbridge, Shall we gather at the River, and sixteen other tunes, a verse or two each, but also they promptly united in the responsive reading from the psalms. Precisely at half-past eight the meeting closed with the doxology.

MR. BUTLER of the Newton Seminary, preached at the Baptist Church last Sunday.

SCARLET FEVER.—Some dreaded cases of this disease have turned out to be of a different and lighter febrile type.

ANNIVERSARY WEEK.—The Unitarian minister last Sunday took his text from the book of Numbers, about one of the Hebrew festival weeks, and preached on the salient points of the week past.

SUMMER is come and a nice home is to rent for the heated term. Apply to box 44, Medfield.

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Sunday June 11. 71.

Rev. John B. Willard now supplying the pulpit of Norton. Exchange.

519 School.
Speech. Lyman on Mount — Mr. Willard.
Book. "Young Naturalist"
Committee. A.B. Balch, Irving Curtis, Mrs. A.J. Turner, Sarah Wight. to prepare for a Union 28th July Picnic.

520. Chh.

Sermon.

REV. JOHN B. WILLARD, who is at present in charge of the Society in Norton, preached by exchange in the Unitarian church last Sunday. His subject was "Retribution," from the text, "With what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again:"—a saying which he believes is to be taken literally. In the school also he spoke of the Sermon on the Mount, which he thinks contains deep philosophic truths for the guidance of life, and not general directions to do *good* as we would be done by. Mr. W. is an original thinker, and advocates some peculiar theories with great earnestness. He speaks from a brief.

FLOWER MISSION.—Notices were read last Sunday in the pulpits, from A. Firth, Esq., of the Albany R. R., about this mission. All flowers, &c., sent into Boston are cared for by committees and distributed among the poor and sick for help and cheer. Mr. Firth announces that over his own and connecting roads, *flowers for this mission will be carried free* by all employes. The mission orginated in the Hollis Street Church, Boston, and this Church is still the centre of operations.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

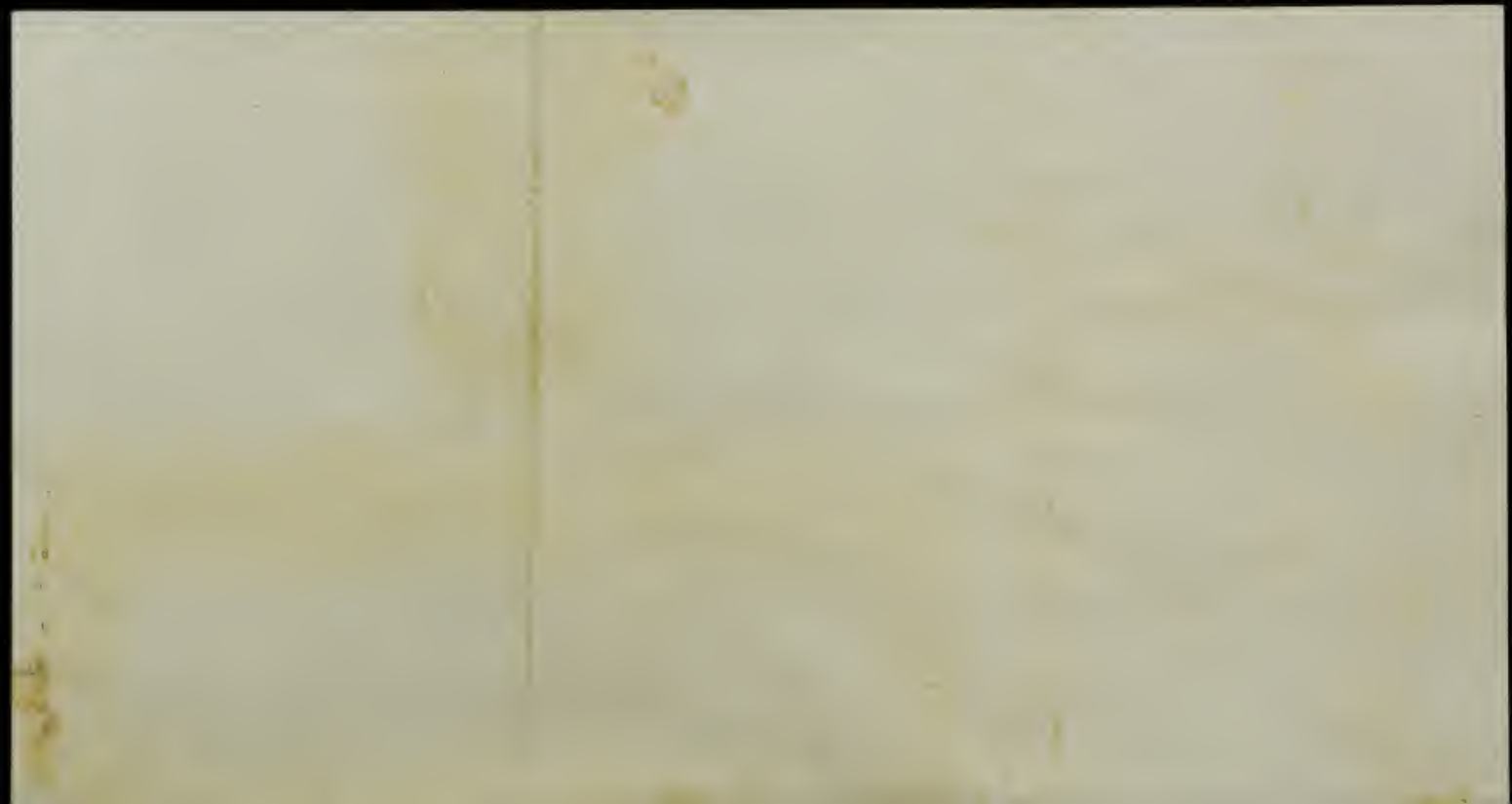
SILVER WEDDING.—Mr. and Mrs. Fran Rhodes observed their 25th marriage-d on Wednesday, June 7. During the day lations assembled; in the evening th friends came in, until eighty enjoyed t festivities. The welcome raindrops o made the occasion more enjoyable. T Cornet Band added greatly to the pleasu by its welcome serenade. Mr. and Mrs. were generously remembered by their ch dren and friends. A specially grateful gi was from Mr. Rhodes' fellow-workmen the carriage shop. Besides greenback many substantial gifts graced the hous An occasional poem composed by Mrs. J. Witherell of Neponset, a sister of M Rhodes, was read:—

Twenty-five years of sorrow and joy;
* * * * this world's alloy;
They have left their traces, these circling years,
The traces of smiles and the traces of tears.
Brother! the years roll back on my memory now
Ere the traces of time were marked on the brow;
When, as children, we played in careless mirth,
A merry group round our father's hearth,
Then a father's hand was our stay and guide,
With a mother's love each fault to hide;
Brothers and sisters, a happy band,
Guarded and guided by love's gentle hand.
First, father passed on to that shadowless shore,
And his loving counsel was ours no more;
But a mother's love, with its measureless fill,
A mother's love was thrown round us still;
And she sent forth her sons, with her blessing an prayer
To fight the life-battle which all must share;
And she gathered her daughters in loving arms,
For she fain would shield them from earthly harm
But they all went their way, save the dear young est one;—
She lingered beside her till life's work was done;
And hers the last look that lovingly smiled
On her dearest, her darling, her faithful child.
Brothers and sisters, by that memory dear,
We'll cling closer together while we linger here;
In her faithful counsels, her love and her prayer,
We will love one another till we meet her there.
Time is still flying on—a little while more
And the trials and toils of this earth will be o'er;
Oh, then reunited an unbroken band,
May we meet our dear loved ones at the Father' right hand.

521 Reference.
Leader. Mrs. Willard.
Speakers. Mary Sewall. Albert Stone.

BIRTH DAYS.—A few weeks ago, the friends of Mrs. Sarah Harding observed her *ninetieth* birth day by a visit. Mrs. Harding resides with her son, Mr. Henry Harding, on the Dover road. The occasion was very pleasant.

This week, on Monday, the relatives and friends of Mrs. Breck, remembered her 72d birth day, with a party at the Red Farm, situated on the Death's Bridge Road, by the edge of Sherborn. Carriages came from Medfield, Sherborn and Dedham. Mr. Blood of the B. C. & F. R. R., kindly ordered the P.M. trains to and fro to stop at the crossing for the party, thus greatly accommodating the villagers. After a cheerful supper, Rev. J. H. Wiggin made a few remarks and offered prayer, and all joined in singing familiar songs and hymns.



Boston, June 8, 1871.

To all who have spare Flowers and Fruits
on the Boston & Albany Railroad: the
Boston, Clinton & Fitchburg, and on the
Woonsocket Division of the
Boston, Hartford & Erie Railroad:

The "Flower Charity" will be continued in 1871, as in former years.

I remind you that the ladies interested in it distribute Flowers and Fruits in the Hospitals, in the homes of the sick poor, and in rooms occupied by working women in this city, on two days of each week.

The supply is usually short of the demand, although the contributions are generous.

I beg to say that Flowers or Fruits for the objects named may be left at Inward Baggage room of Boston & Albany R. R., on Lincoln Street, Boston, in care of Mr. William King, or with Mr. Charles King, in Outward Baggage room, on any *Monday* or *Thursday*, before 11 o'clock, A.M., from whence they will be forwarded to Hollis Street Chapel for distribution, without delay or expense.

If a card with name and address is attached, the Basket, or other article with the gifts, shall be returned to the Station named thereon, on the day received.

Respectfully,

A. FIRTH.

Sunday June 18. 1871.

Hard steady rain.

522 **School.** -62-

Speech. Norton School & Dr. Briggs its Supt. by pastor.
Book "Handel & Haydn". by Chs Barnard.
Sacred Lesson. Maccabees & Prayer of Manasseh.
Music. "When as returns this solemn day".
Flowers. Very fine.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CHURCHES were thinned by the rain last Sunday. The sermon at the Unitarian was on the Sabbath, as distinct from the Sunday, on a text from Colossians: — "The Sabbaths which are a *shadow* of things to come." In the opinion of the preacher, the christian church has not yet fully grasped the idea of the Christian Sunday or "Lord's Day," the day when the Lord Jesus rose from the dead, a day for help and worship; and there is need of passing out of the shadow of Sabbath into the sunlight of Sunday, which should be to all other days as the sun to the world—lighting and warming.

MR. HOVEY of Newton Seminary occupied the Baptist pulpit.

523 **Ohh.**

Hymns 741. Rain. 685. Sunday.
Bible. Coll. 2:13 through the chapter.
Sermon. " " 16&17. "The Sabbaths which are the shadow of things to come".
Distinction between Sabbath & Sunday.
The Jewish Sabbath - Saturday is hedged in with laws. Christianity displaces it with a new day, the day of Jesus, "Lord's Day".
The Puritans made Sunday the Sabbath.
From that plan we drift rapidly.
Do we build on Old Testament or New.
Is our day for Rest or Worship?
We try to grasp both Sabbath & Sunday & lose both. Let us pass from the Shadow into the light.

Conference announced but omitted on account of the Storm.

Sun: June 25 1871

Exchange with Rev. G. L. Demarest of Milford — Universalist.
Beautiful Day.

524 School. -132-
Speech Mr. Demarest on "White Lies".
Book. "Handsome is that handsome does"
Hass. Readings by the Unitarian Class.
Flowers — fine.

525 Chh.
Hymns 312 - 730.
Sermon.

REV. G. L. DEMAREST, of Milford, Universalist, was with the First Parish, by exchange, last Sunday, and the day's services were greatly enjoyed. The sermon was on "Covet earnestly the best gifts, and yet show I unto you a more excellent way." Success in any right way is good but made holier by faith, hope, and charity. Mr. Demarest is a fine speaker, and admirable in Sunday School. The Milford Society flourishes under him both in piety and finance, and recently presented him a service of plate and raised his salary to $1800. He has refused desirable calls to other parishes.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

STEPHEN HENRY BARRY died at the General Hospital in Boston, Sunday, June 25. He was a native of Walpole. Left an orphan at an early age, he was cared for by his uncle, Mr. Henry Bruce of Medfield. When a lad he entered the navy. For a few years he was in the English service, but returned to the American, wherein he remained through the war, leaving it only a few years ago. His health failing, he went to the Sailor's Home in Quincy, whence he was transferred to the place of his death; the internal disease proving incurable. He was buried on Tuesday, from the house of his father-in-law, David Dyer. By request of the deceased, the service was conducted by Rev. J. H. Wiggin. Allusions were made to his ocean life, and Mrs. Sigourney's "Prayer for the Sailor" was read. Mr. Barry was 35 years of age. By a remarkable coincidence, the three sons-in-law of Mr. Dyer have all died unexpectedly and away from their home and friends; one in the Virginia woods, and another en route from New Orleans.

526 Conference.
Leader. Demarest
Speakers W. Rdn — Dr. Rdn.

Sun: July 2. 1871.
Cloudy.

527 School. -134-
Speech Pastor about Milford School & Mr. Demarest.
Book English picture book; magazines.
Class. Myrtle. Song & Miss Dana's recitation =
Music "Whatever dims thy sense of truth". "Voice Within"
Committee. Fred Frost & on service books.
Vote of thanks to Mr. E. B. Otis for his gift to pastor of Smith's "Bible Dictionary." 4 vols.
General Lesson. Review begun. of Books; Ezekiel. Greek Alphabet.

528 Chh.
Hymns. 57 - 60. Chh & worship.
Bible. Rev. 3:1-13.
Sermon. I Tim. 3:15.

Communion. Hymn 639 last 3 verses.
Flowers on table.

CHURCHES.—The Baptist pulpit last Sunday was occupied by Mr. Manning of the Newton Seminary. At the Unitarian the sermon was on the text: "That thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God." The subject was, the purpose of the Sunday Church, and the following is a summary of the discourse: 1. This church is not an oratorial forum, but a place for the inspiration of truth presented in the best form the preacher can command. 2. The church is not a Vicarious Praying Machine, but a place of prayer where the heart is mellowed and opened. 3. The church is not a Moral Exchange, where sins can be bartered, but a place for neutral, spiritual help. 4. The church is not a Fashion Bazaar for the display of draperies, but a place for the culture of social life in connection with religion. In the evening sixteen persons drove to Framingham to attend the Sunday School Anniversary held there, under the direction of Rev. H. G. Spaulding. Unfortunately they were too late for the cream of the music, part of which was, however, courteously repeated. Speeches were made there by the Pastor, under whose teaching the Oratorio of the Saviour had been prepared, by Judge Chapin of Worcester and Mr. Wiggin of this town.

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Sun: July 9. 1871.

Pleasant - hot -

529 School. -112-

Book "Little Men". by Miss Alcott.

Music Soldier's Chorus from "Faust." - Gounod.

Ch. 131. "The heavens declare thy glory Lord."

General Lesson. Daniel & the Apocryphal additions:
"Song of Three." "Susanna" - "Bel". Review.

Speech Pastor - who preached in Walpole but returned a few minutes after School began. on the visit to Eglon last Sunday.

Vote to buy Music Rack for convenience in teaching tunes.

530 Chh.

Hymns 474 - 388.

Bible. Part of Luke 6.

Sermon -

GROVE.—The Brookline Baptists had a picnic on the 6th inst.

SUNDAY.—Many strangers are now in town. At the Baptist Church Mr Goodell of Newton preached on missionary work, in which he is soon to engage.

The Unitarian Sunday School voted to purchase a rack for the pastor's convenience in leading the music. The sermon was on Character as a watchword of Unitarianism and the pivotal teaching of the New Testament. Salvation, Atonement, Heaven and Hell all relate to character, and that once understood many perplexing religious questions are solved.

TOWN CLERK.—J. B. Hale has been appointed to this office in place of Mr. Everett, deceased.

Obituary.

DIED, in Medfield, 7th inst., Mr. HENRY J. EVERETT.

His sudden removal from the world is deeply felt and lamented by all who have known him best. Possessed of abilities fitting him for much usefulness, he had, for several years, and with entire fidelity, filled the office of Town Clerk, and was a valued member of the School Committee. He had, also, been an efficient teacher of several schools. Devotedly tender and affectionate in his domestic relations, he won and largely shared the sympathy and attachment of all who were witnesses of his daily life in those relations. He was not accustomed to disclose his religious opinions and feelings by his words, but made them known by the surer test of the integrity of his character, and the unpretending, beneficent virtues of his life. The close of his existence on earth is the close of much usefulness, without display; of much solid worth, without false and dazzling qualities attending it. His bereaved family enshrine his virtues. His friends rehearse his excellence. His name will be repeated with grateful associations. His memory will be held in deserved and lasting esteem.

Medfield, July 10th, 1871.

Rev. C. C. Sewall.

MEDFIELD.

Henry J. Everett, who has been for several years the Town Clerk and a member of the School Committee, died on Friday, July 7. He had been gradually failing, and suffered extremely during the last days. Mr. Everett was 44 years of age, and leaves a widow but no children to mourn his loss. His home was with his father in the well-known square white house in the village, facing North street. He was a conscientious gentleman, of unblemished character, much respected by all his acquaintances, retiring in his habits and faithful in the discharge of his duties. The burial services took place on Sunday afternoon at the house. Rev. J. U. R. Eaton conducted them, reading, by request, from a sermon which Mr Everett had chanced to hear at the Orthodox Church a few weeks before, and been greatly impressed with. Mr Wiggin also offered a brief tribute to the character of the deceased, and read Lucy Larcom's verses;—

"When for me the silent oar
Parts the silent river."

The body was taken to Wrentham, (where the family formerly resided,) for interment. A good man and true has been taken from the community, one who was broad in his sympathies and a lover of peace. A great blank is left. We shall miss him day by day.

Sunday = July 16. 1871

Pleasant - hot.

531 School. -116-

Book. "Lawrence's Adventures": J. T. Trowbridge.

Speech. Wm. H. Baldwin - who also took the Pastor's place generally.

UNION PICNIC.—Plans are in progress for a grand Unitarian Picnic in Curtis Grove Medfield, on Wednesday, August 2. All will be welcome. Half fares on the railroads and Grove and music at low rates. A large gathering is expected. Circulars will be immediately issued. Meanwhile for particulars, address Box 44, Medfield.

532 Chh.

Hymns. 497-557.

Bible. Matt. 25. last dozen verses.

Sermon. Rom. 8:3-4.

"For what the law could not do in that it was weak" &c.

Review of Sermon preached at Mr. Everett's funeral. & an exposition of the true idea of Salvation. as effecting real righteousness.

Pastor preached in Dedham in the A.M. & only returned in time to enter the pulpit.

533 Conference.

Leader pastor. Rom. 8.

Speakers. W. H. Baldwin, Wm. Rdn, Wm Sewall, Mrs. Hewins; —

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

Mrs. Adelaide Clark, wife of Robert Clark of Boston and daughter of Mrs. I. W. Gardener of this town, died of fever on the 13th inst. The body was brought to Medfield and buried from the mothers house on the 15th. The Unitarian minister conducted the services and reading these verses:

Oh! Heaven is nearer than mortals think
When they look, with a trembling dread,
At the misty future that stretches on
From the silent home of the dead.

'Tis no lone isle on the boundless main,
No brilliant but distant shore,
Where the loved ones who are called away
Must go to return no more.

No! Heaven is near us; the mighty veil
Of Mortality blinds the eye,
That we cannot see the angel bands
On the shores of eternity.

The eyes that shut in a dying hour
Will open the next in bliss;
The welcome will sound in the heavenly world
Ere the farewell is hushed in this.

We pass from the clasp of mourning friends
To the arms of the loved and lost;
And those smiling faces will greet us there,
Which on earth we have valued most.

Yet oft in the hours of holy thought,
To the thirsty soul is given
That power to pierce through the mist of sense,
To the beauteous scenes of Heaven.

Then, very near seem the pearly gates,
And sweetly its harpings fall;
Till the soul is restless to soar away
And longs for the angels' call.

I know when the silver cord is loosed,
When the veil is rent away,
Not long or dark shall the passage be
To the realm of endless day.

Mrs. Clark was the *heart* of a loving household. She was the first to break the circle of five married children. A devoted mother, she leaves four children of tender age. A true wife, her husband misses the inspiration of his life. She was but 29 years old, but had lived long in affection. As we gathered in the cemetery a heavy storm of rain and hail broke upon the scene followed by a beautiful evening, typical of peace beyond trouble.

Sunday: July 23 1871.

Beautiful. Chh full.

534 School.

Books. Mrs. Follen's Songs. "Who were the first weavers"?

Music "Oh Lord another week has flown." Bellini's "Norma."

General Lesson - Joel. Amos. Hosea. Micah. in Review

Speeches. Pastor - on Dedham Sunday School & the Proposed Picnic.

W. H. Baldwin on Activity & this School.

Vote - To purchase the Gunboat Series for Library.

Infant Classes. Names called for the first time. & both to be named & hereafter regularly called.

Purchase - Mr. Lucius Allen wished to purchase "Among the Mail Bags". Thought best not to part with it till all have read who wish.

535 Chh.

Hymns. 52 - 821. Worship. Bible. I Kgs 8:1-12 Solomon's Temple.

Sermon. Heb. 10:25. "Not forsaking the Assembling of ourselves together."

Flowers. Mary Sewall.

Mr. Lockwood of Newton Seminary occupied the Baptist pulpit on the 23d. His hearers report him as a preacher of unusual ability and argumentative power.

Wm. H. Baldwin, Esq., is as usual making himself useful. On Monday, 16th, he admirably filled the place of the pastor, who was absent in Dedham, in the Unitarian Sunday school; and on the 23d he addressed both the Orthodox and Unitarian Sunday schools.

Rev. Mr. Dowse of Sherborn preached at the Congregational church last Sunday. The sermon on "Not Sleeping in this Active Age" was much enjoyed by those who heard it.

The Unitarian sermon was on the question, "Will the Coming Man Attend Church?" This question the preacher answered in the affirmative, and agreed that the drift is that way, notwithstanding appearance to the contray; the Man of the Past did. The Man of the Present does so more than he has credit for. The *man* of the future, no longer a *boy*, will better attend a better church not from superstition, ignorance, bigotry, miscelief or compulsion, but from enlightened conviction. The coming man will not go to church unless he chooses, but he will so choose. The present man was at church last Sunday. The day was lovely, and the summer birds out in good numbers.

536.

Conference.

Leader. W. H. Baldwin.

Speakers or Participants. Calo. Stone - Pastor - Miss Dana.

Sunday: July 30. 1871

Showers.

537 School.
Book "Arthur Brown." by Kellogg.
Music. Serenade from "Marino Faliero". "The Brokenties".
Picnic. Voted to pay entrance into picnic for all pupils on roll.
Class. Little class named Baldwin.
General Lesson. Nahum; Zephaniah; Habbakuk; Obadiah.

538 Chh.
Hymns. 600 - 360. Bible. Selection from I Cor. 15.
Sermon - Rev. E. Gifford.
Flowers. Fine - bouquet & basket.

CHURCHES.—Rev. Dr. Smith of Foxboro', preached at the Baptist church last Sunday. Rev. A. W. Carr, the former pastor, has recently made a flying visit to town. Rev. E. Gifford at the Unitarian, gave a well written sermon on "The last enemy to be destroyed is death." The Orthodox church is closed for a few Sundays, the pastor, Rev. S. M. R. Eaton, preaching at home last Sunday before taking a short vacation.

539. Conference.
Leader. Wm Richardson.
Speakers. Baldwin & pastor.
Subject. Acts. 10. Conversion of Cornelius.

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Sun. Aug. 6. 1871.

Very pleasant.

540 School. 117.

Votes. Thanks to Mr. Willard Harwood for gift of $5 & 2 crates of fruit.

Ditto to J. J. Adams for paying the expense of School into the grove. $15.20

Ditto to Henry H. Faxon of Quincy for gift of $50. Check.

Book. "Caged Lion" by Miss Yonge.

Music. 805. "Let us join as God commands". "Tune: Raindrops."

Speech. Nathaniel Allen. on Sunday Secular Schools abroad & an American Sunday School started by him in Berlin.

Class. Bethlehem. Cl. 4 recitations by girls.

General Lesson on Jonah. Malachi. Zechariah. Haggai.

Service Book Committee for Aug. Henry Wright & Eddie Adams.

Flowers. fine.

541 Ohh.

Hymns. 194 - 143. Bible. Luke 22. Gethsemane.

Sermon Matt. 10:29.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

RELIGION.—Rev. David Sanford of Medway Village preached in the Orthodox Church and to accommodate him the third service was held earlier than usual. At the Baptist Church last Sunday, Rev. Mr. Loring of Newton preached. At the Unitarian Church the sermon, by the pastor, was on how God's provideuce works through what are called natural laws in such catastrophes as the receut explosions of the Westfield in New York, aud the Eonomia in Greece. "Not a sparrow falls without your Father" was the text. Mr. Nathaniel Allen, recently returned from Europe, spoke at the school of the sccular Sunday-schools there and the American Sunday-school which he helped to establish in connection with our chapel in Berlin, Prussia. The Medfield school has been signally blessed with gifts. Besides $50 from Mr. H. H. Faxou of Quincy, Mr. Wm. Harwood of Boston, gave money and crates of fruit for the picnic, Johu J. Adams, Esq. of New York paid for the admission of all the pupils iuto the grove. Thanks were accordingly voted. In addition the aunual collection for the Suuday-school was takeu at church and amounted to $25. In the evening Rev. Mr. Smith of Walpole, who was unexpectedly present, conducted the Conference, taking for his subjcct the Lord's Prayer.

The Unitarian minister has lately beeu the recipient of a generous "cup of tea with plenty of sugar to put in it," from Moses Ellis, Esq. of Framingham.

542 Conference.

Leader. Rev. W. B. Smith of Walpole - accidental.

Speakers. Pastor - Wy Rdn - Mrs. Wiggin.

Prayers. Pastor - read Mrs. Hewins.

Organ. Annie Clarke.

Sun. Aug. 13. 1871.
Pleasant.

543. School.
Speech. Prof. Cary of Meadville Theol. Sch.
Legend of St. Christopher.
Book. "Up the Baltic." Oliver Optic.

544 Chh.
Prof. Cary.

PROF. G. L. CARY of the Meadville Unitarian Theological School, preached at the First church last Sunday in the absence of the pastor. His sermon was on "Faith."

545 Reference.
Leader. Geo. W. Kingsbury.
Subject. "Faith"

Sunday: Aug: 20 1871.

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546 Beautiful School.

General Lesson. Esdras & Maccabees.

Book. "Frank in the Woods." 2d of a series.

Tune. From "Martha".

Collection. Larger than usual $3.50

Pastor. Preached in Dover but returned in time for school.

Strangers. Mr Wm C. Langley & Miss M J. Osgood Jr.

547 Chh

Hymns 134 - 347.

Bible Luke. 5: 27 - 38.

Sermon " " 31 "Golden Rule".

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

SUNDAY.—The Orthodox Church remains closed for its vacation. Rev. A. Harris of Arlington, formerly Baptist pastor here, preached in his old pulpit last Sunday to the delight of many hearers. At the Unitarian Church an unusually large number of strangers were present, and the sermon was on the Golden Rule. The speaker argued that to "do as we would be done by" does not mean to do as we feel like doing or as others want us to do, but to do positively what from our own stand-point we would have others do to us, and this was illustrated by references to spoiled children, knaves, beggars, and religious opponents; all of whom every honest man must try to make not only equal to himself but as good as he aspires to be.

548 Conference.

Leader. Albert Stone.

Speakers. Pastor - Mr Rdr - Mrs. Henrist.

Subject - "Hope".

Organist - Annie Clarke.

Sun: Aug. 27. 1871.

Very hot & sticky.

549 School. -105-

Text. "Baruch. Manasses. Tobit... Review.

Book. "Max Kromer – Siege of Strasbourg." 1870.

Tune. "There are angels ever near us." – 751.

Money. Voted to pay one quarter's tuition for Miss Annie Clarke, organist.

Letter from "Oliver Optic" read.

Speech Wm. H. Baldwin on Fairbanks Scales.

550 Chh.

Hymns. 276 – 214.

Bible Matt. 10:16 – 27.

Sermon " " 24.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

CHURCHES.—Rev. Mr. Reed, a recent graduate of the Newton Seminary, occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday. Wm. H. Baldwin, Esq., having just returned from a trip to the White Hills, gave the Unitarian Sunday School some account of his journey and of the origin of the Fairbanks Scale factory. On his return, he was in company with Rev. Dr. Gannett, the day before the fearful accident in which the latter perished. The Unitarian discourse was on the word, "The servant is not above his Lord, nor the disciple above his master." And the subject was, the moral fountain not to be expected to rise higher than its source. Pupils, children, and inferiors may excel their parents, &c., in righteousness, but the superiors have no right to anticipate it. The sermon closed with a tribute to the Infinite Source of the Christian religion, and some words on the power of a holy life.

MR. BLAKE PARKER, so long and well known as the Dedham expressman, died at his residence on South street, of continued paralysis, on Sunday, the 27th of Aug., aged nearly 65. He was buried from the Baptist church on the 29th. Rev. C. C. Sewall conducted the services in a very appropriate manner, alluding also to the late railway catastrophe. Mr. Parker leaves a widow, four sons, and three daughters. One son was at the West and unable to be present at the burial.

551 Conference.

Leader. Pastor.

Speakers. A. Stone. W. Bn.

Sunday = Sept. 3: 1871

Churches.—At the Baptist Church last Sunday, a gentleman of German descent, now in the Newton School, preached, to the great acceptance of many who heard him, an extemporaneous sermon on the beautiful and much disputed text in Timothy, about "God manifested in the flesh, seen of angels" &c.

The Unitarian minister was confined to the house by sickness. Mr. Wm. H. Baldwin was kind enough to take his place and preach a sermon, which was very much enjoyed, on Encouragement, over the text: "Parents, provoke not your children to wrath, least they be discouraged." It was the fourth anniversary of the pastor's settlement, and Mr. Baldwin accordingly gave a few facts about the year. The church had been opened for 160 services, including lectures, conferences, praise meethngs, &c. The minister had made 600 parochial calls, and participated in over 50 sessions of his own and other Sunday-schools, involving Bible classes and general lessons. In connection with the parish and apart from the regular expenses, $500 had been raised for different purposes during the year. Mr. Baldwin is to spend one more week in Medfield and will next Sunday take a leading part in the Unitarian Sunday-school exercises. On the 27th of August, Mr. B. addressed the Orthodox Society at Medway Village, on the occasion of Rev. Mr. Sanford's 70th birthday. His theme was "Young Men and their Preparation for Old Age."

very pleasant

Pastor sick abed with nasal fever

552 School.

Goes at it wile.

Whittier Class Book. have 2 readings from Whittier.

Tickets One of Proverb series.

for Lectures taken by children to sell.

553. Chh.

Hymns. 127 - 395

Sermon Wm H. Baldwin Esq. on a good subject.

The Year's Work 4th Anniversary.

Chh open every Sunday. 160 Services — over 3 per week. 53 School; 48 regular; 32 Conferences; 12 Lyceum lectures &c; 7 Sunday Eve. lectures; 6 praise meetings; 2 Wg. praise meetings; 4 Vespers; 2 Funerals; Fast Day & Decoration Day.

18 other preachers in pulpit.

Pastor preached 40 sermons in Mfd & 23 elsewhere.

Participated in 40 schools at home & 13 elsewhere.

3 weddings; 7 funerals; 5 Communions.

600 parish calls. 100 sickness; 9 prayers.

Net increase of 6 calling places = now 120.

4 Crowded Coteries.

Secretary of Norfolk Conf. many conventions attended

Also member of Sunday School Board.

Money. $70 A.U.A.; 25 Own Sunday School;

20 Sunday sch. Society; 7 Children's Mission;

200 extra parochial subscription; 25 by Miss Langley & Granville; 150 to pastor Gift.

554 Conference.

Let by Wm Rice.

Began late & unsystematic.

Sunday: Sept. 10. 1871.
Pastor in Peabody: Mass.
Beautiful day.

555 School.
Conducted by Mr. H. Baldwin Esq.
Speech. " "
Book. "Double Play" by Mr Everett.
Business. Lecture tickets brought in.
Comms. Mr. Hasthorn, Albert Babcock, Albert Stone — Doors
Mrs. Morse & Everett & Miss Sar. Wright: on Recitations
for Sunday School anniversary.

556. Rev. H. Alger of So. Natick.
Hymns. 146 - 59.

CHURCHES.—Rev. H. Alger of South Natick, preached at the Unitarian last Sunday, on "It is my meat to do my father's will." The purpose of the sermon was to show wherein consists true religion. W. H. Baldwin took an active part in the Sunday-school, and also conducted the evening Conference. The Orthodox church is open after the vacation, and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Eaton, preached on Sunday.

ADDIE LOUISE, a sweet infant daughter of Mrs. Robert Clarke, who was buried here a few weeks ago, was carried to the same cemetery on Monday, Sept. 4, having died in Boston, of cholera infantum. The service was at the house of the grandmother, Mrs. Gardner. A few near friends were present, and the exercises were conducted by Mr. Wiggin, who alluded to the fact that two other children had passed on at the same tender age—eleven months.

The following selected verses were read:—

I wonder and wonder at even,
As the twilight fades away,
If children have birthdays in heaven,
Or if they are young alway;
And whether the angels name them,
Knowing the name we knew,
And if the mothers may claim them,
When there's no more work to do.

I wonder, and still I wonder,
Since my pretty flower was sown,
Deep down the daisies under,
That to give it room were mown,
If every hour she is growing
Away, away from me,
While the river of life is flowing
Into the hidden sea.

I think of my darling ever,
With the pretty *baby* face;
In the shadowy forever,
Will she wear her *infant* grace?
And when I long to hold her,
I long for the *little* form;
I cannot think her older
Than the day she first was gone.

And I wonder will the morning,
That dawns beyond the sea,
With the glory of its dawning,
Give *my* little one to me?
Yet while I wonder, weeping,
On the hidden yet to be,
I trust the Christ is keeping
My little one for me.

557 Conference.
Leader. W. H. Baldwin.
Speakers. Dr. Richardson & Henry Richardson.

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LYCEUM LECTURES.—A course of eight will be given on successive Monday evenings at the First church. Season tickets, *one dollar*, for sale by the children of the Sunday-schools, among which profits are to be divided *pro rata*. Each pupil selling five tickets receives one for the trouble. Rev. Elias Nason will give the first lecture next Monday evening, Sept. 11. Subject, "The Human Hand," which is said to be equal to his "greenbacks," which was so very much enjoyed last year. The gentleman who gets up this series of lectures, and incurs their risk, earnestly hopes that the public will patronize them and give the speakers full houses. Messrs. Snyder, Shippen, G. S. Ball, Waterhouse, and Mesdames Bowles and Churchill are also engaged. Tickets to single lectures 20 cents each.

In connection with this sale of tickets by the children, a curious episode arose the other day. The superintendent of one of the Sunday-schools accidently omitted to give the notice mutually agreed upon to his pupils. Consequently two equally absurd rumors spread, one that the people of that parish were too bigoted to attend lectures in another church, though placed upon so unsectarian a basis; the other, that those who had arranged the lectures had "left out in the cold" one of the schools for whose benefit the course was planned. Of course neither rumor was correct. The omission above alluded to had simply kept the children of that parish from beginning so early to sell their share of tickets, that is all.

The facts becoming known, explanations ensued, and now all goes well. Children wishing to sell tickets get them at the Uni-tarian minister's, and the people of each society naturally prefer to buy of their own children.

Each ticket contains blanks upon which the purchaser inscribes the name of the church and his or her own name. This prevents the possibility of mistake in the final division.

558 Lecture. Nason.
Mon. Eve. Sept. 11. 187[illegible]

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

REV. ELIAS NASON'S LECTURE on "The Power, Use, and Beauty of the Human Hand," was given on Monday evening at the Unitarian church, and a fine lecture it is, replete with humor and full of delicate touches of wit and allusions not superficially caught and enjoyed. His descriptions are admirable and his stories well told. The peroration, about the Providential Hand, is peculiarly excellent. The audience, much larger than was expected, followed with mirth, both suppressed and expressed, and applauded at the close.

The second lecture will be given next Monday evening, (Sept., 18,) by Rev. Ivory F. Waterhouse of Clinton, on the "Duty of Cheerfulness." Mr. Waterhouse is a clear and earnest speaker.

562 Lecture. Waterhouse.

REV. I. F. WATERHOUSE of Clinton gave a very energetic and well-expressed discourse on the "Duty of Cheerfulness," in the Lyceum course, Monday evening, the 18th. He regarded cheerfulness as a Christian virtue not inconsistent with piety, and sanctioned by God's word. Next Monday,

NORFOLK.

Dr. John E. Holbrook of Charleston, South Carolina, died at the residence of his nephew, Daniel J. Holbrook, Esq., on Saturday, September 9th. He had come, in accordance with his summer custom, to pass two days among his friends, and was stricken with apoplexy. Dr. Holbrook was born at Beaufort, S. C., but was brought to New England in his infancy, and passed here his early years. He was educated both in this country and Europe, enjoying the instructions of the famous naturalist, Cuvier. He married Miss Rutledge, a descendant of the Revolutionary South Carolinian governor of that name. The Dr. soon forsook medical practice, and devoted himself to natural history, publishing two great works, one on Reptiles, and the other on Fishes. These works contain the results of his own conscientious researches, and are illustrated with plates costing him many thousand dollars, never repaid by their sale. These pursuits brought him in contact with learned men, and especially with Prof. Louis Agassiz, who exchanged frequent visits with him, and wept over his remains. Mrs. Holbrook passed on some years ago, leaving no children. Dr. Holbrook was nearly 77 years of age. The burial was from the house of his nephew, on Monday, Sept. 11. The services were very appropriate to the life-efforts of the deceased. Prof. Agassiz was asked to speak but felt unable so to do, and his tribute to his friend will come to the world in print. Rev. W. B. Smith, (Unitarian) of Walpole, offered a beautiful introductioary prayer. Rev. Mr. Rounds, pastor of the Norfolk Baptist church, paid a fine tribute to the departed, whose reputation was not local but belonged to the world of science. The exercises were conducted by Rev. J. H. Wiggin of Medfield, who offered the prayer, and read parts of Psalms 104 and 139, about God in nature, and its Watery Kingdom; and John Sterling's Morning Hymn:—

"Sweet Morn! from countless cups of gold,
Thou liitest reverently on high
More incense fine than earth can hold,
To fill the sky."

The poem is beautifully expressive of the spirit of a reverent scientist, and its last verse breathes the hope of immortality:—

"Like earth awake, and warm and bright,
With joy the spirit moves and burns;
So up to thee, O Fount of Light,
Our light returns."

Dr. Holbrook has been north nearly every year except those crimsoned with war. In political opinions he sympathised with his native State, but he was a partizan neither in politics nor religion, dwelling in a world of mind, and when with his northern friends he was careful not to utter his sentiments in a way that could wound the tenderest feelings.

Among those present at the burial from neighboring towns, were Dr. George Holbrook of the family, Drs. Stone of Walpole, and Richardson of Medfield, Daniel Cook, Esq., and wife of Wrentham, and Charles Hamant, Esq., of Medfield.

Norfolk Conference of Unitarian and other Christian Churches.

The next meeting will be with the Parish in South Natick — Rev. H. Alger, Pastor,—

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19, 1871.

GENERAL ORDER OF EXERCISES.

A. M.

9 to 10, A.M. Prayer Meeting.
10 Opening Exercises of the Conference.
Journal and other business.
Essay by Rev. F. T. Washburn of Milton: on this subject; "*What is Practical Religion? Can it exist apart from Abstract Truth?*" to be followed by Discussion.

12.30 to 2, P.M. Intermission and Collation.

P. M.

2, P.M. Conference reassembles.
Business.
Collection to defray Conference Expenses.
Discussion of Essay.

The South Natick Church has recently been refitted and decorated at considerable expense. Partly on this account, this will be a

BASKET CONFERENCE.

The South Natick friends will furnish Tea, Coffee, and such edibles as they please, and delegates from outside will bring their usual well stored baskets.

TRAINS.

South Natick is accessible not from *Natick*, but from Wellesley on the Boston and Albany Railroad, and Dover on the Woonsocket Division of the Hartford and Erie R. R,

Trains for Wellesley leaves Boston and Albany Depot, Beach Street, Boston, at 7 o'clock and 10 A. M.

A train for Wellesley leaves Worcester at 7.

A train for Dover leaves the same depot, Boston and Albany. Boston, at 8 o'clock, A. M.

Persons living on the Mansfield, Framingham, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad can connect with the Dover train at Medfield Junction at 7. 30, and with the Wellesley train at Framingham Junction at 8.

Carriages in waiting at Dover and Wellesley to convey passengers to the church.

Return tickets on these Railroads furnished by the Secretary.

Each Parish is entitled to at least six delegates.

J. MASON EVERETT,
President.

J. H. WIGGIN,
Secretary.

MEDFIELD, MASS., SEPT. 9, 1871.

Delegates.

Mrs. Abigail Shumway

Miss Endora "

Amos " "

Wm "

Louise "

Mrs. Walcott.

Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Adams

" " " Daniel Stevens

" " " Wm Richardson

" " " John Newell

" " " Cushing Lane.

" " " Lincoln

" " " Gilman.

24 attended
from Oxford Co.
not all the delegates.

Sun: Sept. 17. 1871.

Slightly cloudy.

559 School. .130.

Book. "Young Deliverers" by Kellogg.

Music. Rehearsal for Anniversary. W.R. Smith. Organist.

Committee on Flowers " " Mary Fisher, Hobey Russell, Mary Marshall, Mary Sewell. Dora Shumway.

General Lesson. Review for Anniversary. On Prophets & Apocrypha.

Letter from Wm. S. Filden was in apology; very handsome [Vide Opposite page.]

Gift. Voted to give away a bible of books to a Western Sunday School; by recommendation of the Librarians.

Classes. Mrs. Mason returned to her class & Mrs. Everett who has acted for her, took the Unitarian Cl.

560 Chh:

Bible I Cor. 9: 17 through.

Hymns. 858-344

Sermon. 1 Cor. 9.' 22.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

CHURCHES.—Rev. Mr. Wiggin preached last Sunday on "Being all things to all men," the selfish way and the Christian way, the latter involving the purpose of saving souls by truth. The sermon contained allusions to the present gubernatorial contest, and to the late Rev. Samuel J. May as representing the true and false ways of obeying the text. In the Sunday-school preparations were begun for the anniversary which takes place Sunday afternoon, October 1st. The attendance was very large.

561 Conference.

Leader = pastor.

Speakers. Mary Sewall, Mrs. Hewins, Wm Richardson.

Sept. 24. 1871. Sunday.
Warm & pleasant.

563 School. 140

Music. Rehearsal for Anniversary.
Bernard Covert sang: "There is light beyond the river".
Speech. Hon. John C. Park.
Books: 39 to be sent to Valparaiso, Indiana.
"Years among the Mail Bags" to go to Lucius Miller.
New book. "Pink & White Tyranny". By Mrs. Stowe.
Lessons. Voted ~~to~~ adopt the One lesson System, on the Parables, for the Coming year.
General Lesson. Review of Prophets & Apocrypha.
Flowers next Sunday to be sent to the Flower Mission in Boston.

564 Church.

Hymns. 153 – 987. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace".
Bible. Acts I.
Sermon. Hon. J. C. Park.
Prayer &c. by the Pastor.

[Unavoidably left over from last week.]

CHURCH MATTERS.—Mr. Bernard Covert was at the Unitarian Sunday School the 24th ult., and delighted those present by singing "There is light beyond the River." Hon. John C. Park made a charming speech, in which he dwelt upon the fact, that only human beings sing harmoniously in concert, though birds warble singly. The school was very full. It was voted to send forty volumes from the library to a new Unitarian school in Valparaiso, Indiana. At the regular P.M. service Mr. Park preached an admirable sermon on the text: "If any man seem to be religious." The purpose of the sermon was to show how religion in the church works God-ward and men-ward. Mr. Park dwelt upon the need of sympathy in the church, and thought that those who turned from the Communion table could not love Christ enough to obey his request for its observance.

565 Conference.

Leader. Geo. W. Kingsbury.
Speaker. Stone; Hy Kahn, Pastor.
Subject. The last County Conference.

Mon: Sept. 25.

566 Concert.

BERNARD COVERT'S CONCERT was a decided success at the Unitarian church, on Monday evening, Sept. 25th. For the pathetic pieces, he sang: "It washed my lines away," "The Sword of Bunker Hill," "John Anderson," "Old Farm House," and the "Gambler's Wife." His "Chapter on Drawing," "Fidgetty Wife," "Little Fat Man," "Reuben Wright," "The good old Yankee Woman," and German "Hunting Song," were inexpressibly funny. The most artistic piece, both in composition and execution, was "The Mountaineer." A double quartette consisting of Mrs. Geo. Hamant, Misses Ella Allen, Olive Young, Addie Ellis and Marianna Smith; and Messrs. Geo. Bigelow, A. M. Stone and Frank Babcock, sang with Mr. Covert "Just as of Old," "Light beyond the River," and a chant called "The River of Time." Twenty-five years ago we heard Mr. Covert sing "Old Ironsides," and imitate the bagpipes, and if there be any change, he does better than ever. The last song and chorus was "The Singing Skewl," in which Mr. Stone helped him with the chorus, and made it very laughable. Mr. Covert was suffering from a severe cold, but sang its traces away. The house was full. The chorus sang their parts well, but at very short notice, and with little practice; and Mr. Smith's accompaniments were largely extemporaneous from necessity, but excellent. We are glad that Mr. Covert is to sing again on Friday, Oct. 20th, and we predict even a larger audience, and more applause. To this extra concert the admission will be 25 cents, or five tickets for a dollar. Mrs. Minnie Stone of Boston will assist, and a native chorus will lend its aid.

Sun. Oct. 1. 1871.

Pleasant.

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567 School.

Book. "House on Wheels." French translation.

Music Preparation for Anniv.

General Lesson. Review for Anniv.

Committee on Service Books. Lewis Butler & Albert Kingsbury.

Flowers. Church nicely trimmed from Saturday by the Flower Committee.

New Teacher. Miss Packard offered to come to the rescue & take the Starr King class.

MR. ELIJAH BULLARD, aged 90, a well-known native of Medfield, died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Draper, of South Natick, last week, where the burial services took place on Sunday, Rev. H. Alger of South Natick officiating, in the absence of Rev. C. C. Sewall, whose health made it impossible for him to attend. Mr. Bullard was a consistent and honored member of the Unitarian church, and greatly respected by his life-long acquaintances. He leaves sons and daughters who are among the prominent citizens of the county. During the past few years Mr. Bullard has suffered much in body, but retained his memory and thoughtfulness to the last.

MR. MANNING of the Newton school preached in the Baptist church last Sunday.

In Chelsea, 20th inst., at the residence of Stephen Bayley, Esq., by Rev. J. H. Wiggin, of Medfield, Mr. David Wilson, of the "Wilson Press," Cambridge, to Miss Annie M. Bayley, of Chelsea.

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Oct. 1-1871.

Sunday School Anniversary.

3 P.M.

1. Organ Voluntary.
2. 883. "O Lord another week has flown." Music from "Norma"
3. Scripture Selections. Rom. 8: 12-17
4. 869. "Whatever dims thy sense of truth." "The Voice within".
5. "Te Deum" - responsively read.
6. Extempore prayer - led by the pastor & followed by all.
7. "Lord make me more joyful." response sung.
8. Doxology read.
9. Bible Reading. Exodus 2: 1-10. "Birth of Moses."
10. 901. "The broken ties of happier days" "Marino Faliero."
11. Report of Moses Hartshorn - Superintendent. -
12. 751. "God of mercy do thou never". Am'n Hymn.
13. Report of Secretary - Chas E. Ward - read by the pastor - Regular attendance average 106½ -
    20 teachers besides pastor. 6 Officers.
    37 newly enrolled. 18 withdrawn. Net gain - 19.
14. 431. "As the hart with eager looks".
15. Report of G. W. Kingsbury - Librarian & treasurer.
    Balance of $200 + in hand.
16. 805. "Let us join as God commands".
17. Catechism in review by pastor of the year's
    General lessons on Apocrypha & Minor Prophets.
18. 70. "The Lord is Risen Indeed". Haydn's "Creation."
19. Prizes - books given to 2 Officers, 2 teachers,
    & 10 pupils for regular attendance every Sunday;
    to 10 pupils & one teacher for new scholars.

Miss Abby Russell.
W. Richardson
Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Kingsbury.
Annie Clarke.

} Teachers: regularity.
Officers: "

Monty Frost.
Emma Bruce.
Jenny Clarke.
Eddie Rhodes.
Henry & Herbert Wright.
Lewy Goulding.
Frank Hyde.
Eli Bullard
Warren Adams.

} Constant attendance

LESSONS

ON THE

PARABLES OF JESUS.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL PARISH: UNITARIAN.

MEDFIELD, MASS.

SERVICE OF STUDY: 12 o'clock Noon till 1.25.

OCTOBER, 1871 — OCTOBER, 1872.

Name. .....

Class. .....

ORDER OF GENERAL AND CLASS LESSONS FOR THE YEAR.

Each lesson, as set down, will be given to *all* in outline by the Pastor, on the day specified; and by the teachers to their classes in detail on the same day. The Sunday after, it will be carefully reviewed by the Pastor. The days specially marked "Review," are for Review in the *Classes*, by the *Teachers*, of the lessons studied since the last previous Review.

Each pupil, who can read, should have a New Testament for regular Sunday use this year.

The system makes promptness and regular attendance unusually essential on the part of every Teacher.

In the pastor's absence, brethren leading the Bible class will take up random topics.

Lesson.	1871. SUNDAY,	PARABLES.	BIBLE PLACES.		
			Gospel.	Chap.	Verses.
1	October 8. Channing Class-day.	Introductory.			
2	October 15.	Sower.	Matt.	13	3-8 & 18-23.
			Mark.	4	4-8 & 14-21.
			Luke,	8	5-8 & 11-15.

Lesson.	1871. SUNDAY,	PARABLES.	BIBLE PLACES. Gospel.	Chap	Verses.
3	October 22. Chapin Class-day.	Tares.	Matt.	13	24-30 & 36-43
4	October 29.	Mustard Seed.	Matt.	13	31 & 32.
			Mark,	4	30-32.
			Luke,	13	18 & 19.
		Burglary.	Matt.	12	22-29.
			Mark,	3	23-27.
			Luke,	6	17-22.
5	All Souls. Nov. 5 Laird Collier Class-day.	Dives and Lazarus.	Luke,	16	19-31.
6	November 12.	Unmereiful Servant.	Matt.	18	23-35.
7	November 19.	Classes review preceeding.			
8	November 26.	Vineyard Laborers.	Matt.	20	1-16.
9	December 3.	Two Sons.	Matt.	21	28-32.
		Cup & Platter.	Matt.	11	37-41.
			Mark,	7	1-23.
			Luke,	11	37-41.
10	December 10.	Review.			
11	December 17.	Pearl.	Matt.	13	45 and 46.
		Sparrows.	Matt.	10	29-31.
			Luke,	12	6 and 7.
12	Christm's, Dec. 24 Christmas Class-day.	Wicked Husbandmen.	Matt.	21	33-44.
			Mark,	12	1-12.
			Luke,	20	9-18.
13	Old Year. December 31.	Barren Fig Tree.	Luke,	13	6-9.
		Lost Sheep.	Matt.	18	12.
			Luke,	15	3-7.
14	1872. New Year's. Jan. 7. New Year's Class-day.	Talents.	Matt.	25	14-30.
15	January 14.	Leaven.	Matt,	13	33.
			Luke,	13	20 and 21.
		Wine & Cloth.	Matt.	9	16 and 17.
			Mark,	2	22 and 23.
			Luke,	5	36-39.
16	January 21.	Review.			

Lesson.	1872. SUNDAY.	PARABLES.	BIBLE PLACES. Gospel.	Chap	Verses.
17	January 28. St. Paul Class-day.	Prodigal Son.	Luke,	15	11-32.
18	February 4.	Review.			
19	February 11.	Good Samaritan.	Luke,	10	30-37.
20	February 18.	Review.			
21	February 25.	Hid Treasure.	Matt.	13	44.
		Tower and War.	Luke,	14	27-32.
22	March 3. Starr King Class-day.	Fish Net.	Matt.	13	47-50.
		Market Place.	Matt.	11	16-19.
			Luke,	7	31-35.
23	March 10.	Wedding Garment.	Matt.	22	1-14.
24	March 17.	Review.			
25	Palm Sunday. Mar. 25. Palm S. Class-day.	Great Supper.	Luke,	14	15-24.
26	Easter. Mar. 31. Easter Class-day.	Ten Virgins.	Matt.	25	1-13.
27	April 7. Lincoln Class-day.	Growing Seed.	Matt.	4	26-29.
		Trees & Fruit.	Matt.	7	16-31.
				11	33.
			Luke,	16	43-36.
28	April 14.	Review.			
29	April 21. Walker Class-day.	Dishonest Steward.	Luke,	16	1-9.
30	April 28.	Review.			
31	May 5. St. James Class-day.	Two Debtors.	Luke,	7	41-43.
		Widow's Mite.	Mark,	12	41-44.
			Luke,	22	1-4.
32	May 12.	Midnight Friend.	Luke,	11	5-8.
		Blind Leaders.	Matt.	7	1-5.
			Luke,	6	37-42.
33	Whitsunday. May 19. W. Class-day.	Pharisee and Publican.	Luke,	18	9-14.
34	May 26.	Review.			
35	June 2.	Rich Fool.	Luke,	12	16-21.

Lesson.	1872. SUNDAY.	PARABLES.	BIBLE PLACES. Gospel.	Chap.	Verses.
36	June 9.	Temptations.	Matt. Mark, Luke,	4 1 4	1-11. 12 and 13. 1-8.
37	June 16.	Review.			
38	June 23. Unitarian Class-day.	Sheep in Pit.	Matt. Mark, Luke,	12 3 6	10-12. 1-4. 6-19.
39	June 30. Webster Class-day.	Unprofitable Servants.	Luke,	17	7-10.
40	July 7. Myrtle Class-day.	Unjust Judge.	Luke,	18	1-8.
41	July 14.	Pounds.	Luke.	19	11-27.
42	July 21.	Review.			
43	July 28. Baldwin Class-day.	Salt and Light.	Matt. Mark, " Luke, " "	5 9 4 14 8 11	13-16. 50. 21. 34 and 35. 16. 33-36.
44	August 4.	Judgment Day.	Matt.	25	31-46.
45	August 11.	Review.			
46	August 18.	Good Shepherd.	John,	10	1-18. 26-28.
47	August 25.	Two Builders.	Matt. Luke,	7 6	24-27. 47-49.
48	September 1. Whittier Class-day.	Comparisons.	Matt.	5	13-16.
49	September 8.	Lost Money. Good Parents.	Luke, Matt. Mark. Luke.	15 7 11 11	8-10. 7-12. 24. 9-13.
50	September 15.	Dropped Stitches.			
51	September 22.	Review in Preparation for Anniversary.			
52	September 29.	Review in Preparation for Anniversary.			
53	October 6.	Anniversary. General Review of the whole Course.			

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Morning Lessons on Gospels. (English.)
Trench on "Parables." O. B. Frothingham on "Parables."
Any Commentary on Gospels.
Any Translation of the Gospels.

Mrs. Julia Rose. } for bringing in
Willy Marshall. } new teachers

Abby Plympton.	Elij. Bullard.	Introducing new scholars.
Jennie Smith	Lewis Butler.	
Clara Smith.	Albert Bruce.	
Eliza Richardson.	Lewy Goulding	
Albert Lovering.	Nat Allen.	

Illuminated Card to Mrs. Newell - in memory of Joseph Wiley.

20. 539. "There is a land mine eye hath seen."
"In Memoriam" = "Beyond the Swelling Flood".
21. Recitations
signal. Amabel Adams. "Come to our Sunday School".
Emily Weiker: "How Sweet."
22. Select music by A. M. Stone, A. Babcock, Ella Allen, Mira Bruce, Annie Clarke & Emma Bruce.
"Let thy hand help me." Handel.
23. Rec. Lewy Goulding. "Children love each other"
24. 385. "Great God were thou extreme to mark." Greek Song.
signal 25 Rec: Annie Jenny Clarke. read.
26. 891. "Brightest & Best." "Adeste Fideles".
27 Poem on "Childhood of Jesus" read by its authoress, Mrs. Gifford of West Dedham.
28. 888. "Hark the Voice". ("Angry words")
29. Recin: "Works of God." — Willy Marshall.
30 14. "When as returns this Solemn day".
signal 31 "Jesus in Bethlehem": Mabel Morse & Bethlehem class.
32. Song by Myrtle Class. "Early - let our Songs ascend by.
33 "Work for little ones." — Annie Richardson.
34 708. "Be joyful in God". 2 parts & chorus.
35 Letter from Rev. C. S. Locke. about our horticultural exhibition in the Lord's Garden.
36 182. "Soon as the eve shades prevail." Haydn.
37 Speech by John Wilson Esq. of Cambridge.
38. 852 "In the dewy breath of even."
39. L. Prayer. 40 Notices. 41. Silly. 42. Benediction

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Mon. Oct. 2.

569 Reading.

THE TOWN HALL is rapidly assuming its beautiful and complete appearance.

REV JOHN SNYDER of Hingham gave readings at the Unitarian church, Monday evening, Oct. 2d. The selections embraced the "Christening," "A Day's Hunting," and the "Election" from Dickens' Lovers, "Shamus O'Brien," Whittier's "Port Royal," and "Wounded." The reader was greeted with warm applause.

On Monday, Oct. 9, Mrs. Ada C. Bowles lectures on "Strong-minded House-keeping." Mrs. Bowles is the wife of Rev. B. F. Bowles, who was formerly settled in East Medway.

573 Lecture. Bowles.

577. Lecture. Churchill.

578 ~~Lecture~~. Concert.

582 Lecture. Ball.

MRS. ADA C. BOWLES lectured on "Strong Minded Housekeeping" at the Unitarian Church, Monday evening, Oct. 9. After considering the progress of the world in houses, she dwelt upon the need of the home, to be maintained by its members equally, even children being trained into efforts for its comfort. Strong minded women, that is, not simply women who advocate Women's Rights, but who are interested in all good things, and broadly cultivated, necessarily in housekeeping as in other things, do it best; and she pictured a household with a weak minded woman at its head, and one with a strong woman at the helm. The lecture was fully attended, and applauded at the close, and abounded in felicitous hits at the absurdities of housekeeping, such as shut up parlors and exclude sunshine. It should also be added that Mrs. Bowles spoke with a constant anxiety tugging at her heart for a son in Chicago, whose business was recently established in the midst of the burnt district of that ill-fated city.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

A COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT TO MR. GEO. H. BIGLOW, the leader of the Unitarian choir, was given on Friday, Oct. 20. The church was full. Bernard Covert sang the "Shoddy party" and other comic pieces, but was suffering from severe hoarseness and obliged to spare his voice as much as possible. Mrs. Minnie Stone of Boston sung duetts with Mr. Covert, and solos, and played accompaniments on organ and guitar. Mrs. Stone has a strong alto voice, but her upper notes are less sweet. She has, however, an inexhaustible fund of good nature and good sense, and exerted herself to do whatever was desired for the general good. "Castles in the air" was her best solo. The selections sung by our townspeople were excellent. Miss Addie Ellis sustained the solo in "Over the River." Miss Young's and Mr. Frank Babcock's voices never sounded better. Miss Ella Allen sung with wondrous sweetness the leading part in the trio, "Restless Sea." A male-voice quintette was very fine. Indeed everybody did his and her level best," and the beneficiary reaped a handsome sum.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

UNITARIAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—The fifty-fouth season of this institution is completed this autumn, and public services last Sunday commemorated the day. There were over forty items on the programme, but so ready were they all that the exercises occupied less than two hours. The pastor read selections from the Scriptures appropriate to childhood; led in a prayer which was repeated by the school after him, and questioned the school on the general lessons giv n by him orally, during the year past, upon the minor prophets and the Apocryphal Books. Seventeen hymns were sung by the school, besides a select piece from Handel, by a few young people, and a hymn by the Myrtle class and one or two congregational hymns. Seven boys and girls gave readings and recitations, several of which were written for the occasion by teachers. Mr. John Wilson of Cambridge, the well-known printer, made a short, spicy speech. A pithy note was read from Rev. C. S. Locke; Mrs. Gifford of West Dedham finely read her admirable poem on "The Childhood of Jesus." which was introduced and followed by appropriate music. Nearly thirty officers, teachers, and scholars received from the pastor, gifts of books for attendance every Sunday during the year past, and bringing in new teachers and scholars. The superintendent, Moses Hartshorn, reported the general work of the school. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. Chas. E. Ward, the pastor read his report. The average attendance has been 106½ per Sunday; net gain 19. The treasurer, G. W. Kingsbury, reported the receipts and expenditures and a balance in the treasury of $200. The church was filled with attentive auditors from Medfield and neighboring towns. Mr. W. R. Smith presided at the cabinet organ. The church was beautifully adorned with flowers and autumn leaves; and all the committees had well attended to their work.

"FARMING."—Rev. Geo. S. Ball, who is a landholder himself, told us in his lecture, Monday evening, that a man can give a farm brains and beauty, while the farm will give a man subsistence and health, properly managed. He stated finely the relations of science to practice on the farm. The lecture was well delivered and much enjoyed, though some listeners think Mr. Ball overrates the delights and emoluments of agriculture.

"CASTING OUT MORAL DEVILS, AND GOD'S SPONGE OF FIRE AT CHICAGO," will be the subject of the lecture on Monday, the 30th, by Rev. R. R. Shippen, Secretary of the American Unitarian Association. As this is the closing lecture, season tickets duly endorsed with names and societies are to be collected at the door.

MRS. ELIZABETH K. CHURCHILL of Providence, lectured on Monday evening, Oct. 16th, on the "Home Guard of the Revolution." The lecture is finely written, carefully elaborated, and clearly delivered, though the speaker varied from her usual custom of extempore discourse. It abounded in felicitous stories, drawn from a wide range of reading about our foremothers. their daring deeds and plain living. The audience was good.

Sunday: Oct. 8. 1871.

Very Pleasant.

570 School. 138.

Book. "Mr. Henry Lettes". Mrs. Diaz.

Tune. "Father thy paternal care." Donizetti: "Dau. of Reg."

Lesson. Introduction to study of parables.

Speech by pastor: Peabody School. & Supt.

Letters from ministers about the Anniversary.

Promptness. New Slips.

Money. Voted $5.00 to Mrs. Gifford for her "Poem." last Sunday.

Thanks to Mr. Gilman for Carrying Mrs. Gifford.

Notice. Given of Taunton Convention: Oct. 11 & 12.

571 Chh.

Bible. Luke 16: 1–13. "Unjust Steward". Hymns. 808–119.

Sermon. " " 18. "The Children": do

MEDFIEID CORRESPONDENCE.

"Moral Lessons of a Political Convention."— from the text: "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light," was the subject of the pastor's sermon at the Unitarian church last Sunday. After an introduction on the dignity of statesmanship rightly understood, the speaker referred to the late Republican Convention at Worcester, and its teachings to religious people of Earnestness, Fairness, Order, Courtesy and Liberality, concluding with reference to the lesson of brotherly love which the Christian Gospel adds to the highest worldly wisdom.

572. Conference.

Leader. Dr. Ker.

Pastor. preaching in Natick.

Sun. Oct. 15. 1871.

574 School. 129.

Pastor. preached in South Natick but returned.

Speeches. G. W. Kingsbury, Mary Sewall, Mrs. Wiggin, Ellis Allen about the Taunton S.S. Convention just held. & attended by Geo. M. Smith & wife, Kingsbury & wife, M. Sewall, Ellis Allen, pastor & wife. Emma Rhoades, Mrs. John Sewell, Mrs. H. Rich.

Report in full of this meeting by pastor.

Book. "Lost in the Fog". By De Mille.

Music. New tune: "Natick". "Lord teach a little Child".

General Lett. "Sower".

Roll. Called quietly at Classes instead of aloud as before.

575 Chh. Prayer of Jesus.

Bible. John 17:16 through. Hymns. 817 & 87. Prayer.

Sermon: Rom. 10:1. "My heart's desire & prayer to God for Israel is that she might be saved."

Flowers. Sewall.

Notices. Many.

Speech. by pastor on Chicago Sufferers & also on a proposed public library here.

Present. Rev. T. J. Mumford.

576 Conference. Short.

Pastor preaching in Natick as usu

CHURCHES.—Rev. John Ballard who, forty years ago, was pastor here, occupied the Baptist pulpit on the 8th. His hearers say he has lost none of his old energy.——Rev. Mr. Bridgman, who was the Orthodox pastor four years ago, but is now settled in Pennsylvania, has recently visited Medfield with his family.—— Last Sunday the sermon at the First Church was on "Prayer and Care," showing that while true prayer, in the words of the hymn, "Calls us *from* a world of care," in a still higher sense a deep prayer, "Calls us to a world" of new duties.——The Unitarian Sunday School has adopted the one-lesson system, and general lessons on the Parables of Jesus are giveu to all by the pastor and carefully taught iu each class by its teacher, the members being furnished with printed lists of lessons, Bible places, dates &c. ——Last Sunday Rev. Mr. Wiggin, besides fulfilling his usual duties, preached during the foreuoou at South Natick, in the absence of Rev. H. Alger, and at Good Templars' Hall, North Natick in the evening, necessitating a drive of thirty miles. These meetings at Natick are very fully attended, and the Natick *Bulletin* says they are enjoyed. Certainly the collections have steadily increased.

Sun. Oct. 22. 1871.

579 School. $1.90
Book. Hank on Bairie.
Speech. Punctuality & the nomenclature in classics at Keokuk.
Music. Copia. "680. "Thunder bursts."
General Lesson. Tower & Tares.
Letter read from Mrs. Gifford of West Dedham.
Parables Bkp Huntington's manuals on Parables, being bought up by Episcopalians, & so out of print, was inquired for in this letter & two copies found & one sent to Mrs. G.
Chapin Class day. 2 poems recited & one read.

580
581 Chh.
Hymns. 408—491.
Sermon. Rom. 12:11. "Not Slothful in Business, fervent in spirit; serving the Lord".
Believe business, i.e. enterprise & activity right; Carry religion really into it. not beside it — by 1st Knowing it right; & 2d - entering it with enthusiasm.

CHURCHES.—On the 22d, Rev. Mr. Eaton exchanged with Rev. Mr. Tenny of Saugus. —— Mr. Northup of the Newton Seminary, who has had preaching experience in the West, occupied the Baptist pulpit. —— The Unitarian sermon was by the pastor, on "Carrying Religion into Business;" how it is done and how it is *not* done.

581
582 Conference.
Pastor - in Natick.
Leader - H. A. Stone. Good meeting.

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Sun: Oct. 29. 1871.

Very Clear & Pleasant

583 School. 139.-

Book. Mrs. Stowe's "Pussy Willow".

Hymn. "Restful Rest". "Rest from labor & from care"

General Lesson "Liars" with Diagram.

Class Lesson Wasted Seed & Burglary.

Money. Vote to buy 50 New Testaments. at 10 cts each.
These used for the 1st time.

Collection $1.50

Speech. Rev. Chas. Thos. Fowler. a Meadville graduate.

Roll. Divided opinions whether to call the roll aloud or quietly in Classes. Decision deferred.

Service. Passages read from John 11. & "Beyond the Flood"
in memory of Miss Eliza Richardson & Mr. Willie Richardson, both of whom are lying dead.

Map. of Palestine used but its purchase not decided upon.

584 Chh.

Hymns. 473 - 687

Bible. Prodigal Son. parable.

Sermon. Rev. C. T. Fowler; young unsettled.
No text used.
People cannot think alike. Eternal life the theme.
Men miss it daily.
~~"Women who can tell when the butter comes, but not when the Devil into their Children."~~

ALL SOULS. — At the Unitarian church next Sunday afternoon, Nov. 5, there will be the annual memorial vesper service for the dead of the year. The sermon will be on "Growth in Heaven."

RELIGION.—Mr. Manning of the Newton School supplied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday.——At the Unitarian house the congregation was deeply moved both in school and church by allusions to recent deaths. Rev. Chas. Thomas Fowler, a recent graduate of the Meadville Theological school, made a brief address at the Sunday-school, and gave an address on the need of that eternal life which underlies all opinions, and the lack of it among men. The other services were by the pastor.——The Mendon Association of Orthodox congregational ministers recently met with the Medfield church. Rev. Mr. Timlow of Walpole preached the sermon, and practical subjects were discussed.

585 Conference.

Leo by Mr. Fowler.

Pastor preached in Natick.

Sun. Nov. 5. 1871.

Pleasant & cool.

588 School. 1445

Book. "St. Winnifred's." College series.

Time. "Blow ye gentle breezes." Auber's Crown Diamonds.

General Lesson. Mustard Seed & Burglary.

Class Lesson. Rich Man & Lazarus.

Speech. Rastus = Class day; the Lizzie Collier Cl. Sailing lottery.

Map. Vote to have a large map of Palestine sent for.

Services. Parable of day read. Memorial hymn sung.

Comm. on Service books. Albert Babcock & Hosher Bruce.

elected.

MEDFIEID CORRESPONDENCE.

SUICIDE.—The people acquainted with Medfield have long knowu of Miss Mary Robinson, who was sister of Rev. Charles Robinson, formerly minister of the first parish, and also of Mr. Frederick Robinson, sometime the Warden of the State Prison. For many years past she has lived in the village, in her house on Zion's Lane, and much of the time lately has been alone, half the house, which she was accustomed to rent, being unoccupied. Her adopted daughter, Mrs. Louis Thompsou of Framingham, had been visiting at home, but left on Friday last. On Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Thompson returned to Medfield. Finding the street door fastened, they obtained entrance by the rear, and to their horror, found the old lady hangiug dead in the front entry, where she had evidently been four hours. Coroner Coombs of Medway held an inquest in the evening, and the jury brought in a verdict of suicide. The act was evidently deliberate. The unfortunate woman had dressed herself afresh for the event, and left a few scraps of written directions, and now it is easy for those who met her to recall ocacsional remarks which foreshadowed her purpose but were unnoticed at the time. The sad termination of her life proves the public surmised correct, that she had long beeu partially deranged. Miss Robinson was a woman of good educat on, excellent ideas aud quick intellect, and was for a long time a teacher in Worcester. Her mind was, however, "daily out of tune." "Sitting clothed and iu its right mind," who knows what such a soul may become in God's hereafter. The funeral services were conducted on Monday by Rev. J. U. R. Eaton, who alluded to the circumstances of the latter years of the deceased. The body was taken to Worcester for interment beside the remains of her mother.

THE RECENT SUICIDE.—No additional facts have transpired. The body had been suspended at least four and twenty hours, not *four* as was stated last week. Miss Robinson's will gives the bulk of her property, $2000 each, to the American Missionary Association and the Agricultural Department of Amherst College. This document will probably be broken on the ground of insanity. Rev. C. C. Sewall and Charles Robinson, nephew of the deceased, are appointed executors.

589 . All Souls. Nov. 5. 1871

Usual hour 10½ A. M.

1. Organ Vol.
2. Sentences in soft music
3. Dr. Frothingham's "Prayer for the dead". read.
4. Responsive Chant in Gloria - 197.
5. Old Testament. Jer. 9:17 + Wailing.
6. Song: "There is Light beyond the River".
7. New Testament. Luke 20:27 + Sadducees.
8. Gloria - 68. "Glory be to the Father" &c
9. Prayer -
10. "Nearer my God to thee".
11. Hymn 905. "On wings not".
12. Sermon.
13. Gloria. 66.
14. Notices.
15. Hymn = 592. "There is a Land"
16. Benediction.

Communion.

Hymn 632.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.—This annual service was held in the Unitarian church last Sunday. The sermon was on "Growth in another Life," from the text, "This corruptible must put on incorruption." Without growth there cannot be incorruption. *Growth* or *decay* is the universal law. Without growth heaven would be hell, as earth is miserable without mental and moral expansion. Growth in those whom we love, and ourselves alone satisfies our highest aspirations. The dead of the year in this parish connection have been Mrs. Henry Parker, Mrs. Robert Clarke, and two children, Miss Elizabeth Richardson, Mr. Elijah Bullard, Jacob Marshall, Edmund Cary, Willie Richardson, Stephen Barry, Mrs. Rebecca Woods, Mary Robinson, and Joe Wiley. Reference was made to some others not so closely in connection with this church. The floral tributes to the deceased were very beautiful. The Vesper Service was appropriate, and the choir sung several fine pieces, including "Light Beyond the River."

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

ROBBIE CLARK, a manly and unselfish lad of 14, who deeply mourned the loss of his mother, Mrs. Addie Clark, last summer, was buried from his grandmother's house on Friday, November 3d. This was the third funeral service within a few months in Mrs. Gardner's cottage, two children having followed their mother to the better land. In this, as in the other cases, the remains were brought from Boston to Medfield for interment. The Unitarian minister officiated. The Scriptures related to home life and love. The following verses from the German were read:—

Our beloved have departed,
While we tarry, broken-hearted,
In the dreary, empty house;
They have ended life's brief story,
They have reached the home of glory,
Over death victorious.

Hush that sobbing, weep more lightly,
On *we* travel daily, nightly,
To the rest that they have found;
Are we not upon the river,
Sailing fast to meet forever,
On more holy, happy ground?

On we haste, to home invited,
There with friends to be united
In a surer bond than here;
Meeting soon and met forever!
Glorious hope, forsake us never!
For thy glimmering light is near.

Ah! the way is shining clearer,
As we journey, ever nearer,
To the everlasting home;
Comrades who await our landing,
Friends, who round the throne are standing,
We salute you and we come.

"IN THE MIDST OF LIFE WE ARE IN DEATH."—This old phrase of the prayer book has been realized in this town of late. The deaths have been many and sudden, and they have been disconnected, not being the result of contagion. To those already alluded to must be added another, the sudden demise of the father of the wife of Mr. Parker, our High School teacher.

586 Lecture. Shippen.

Rev. Rush Rhees Shippen lectured on "Casting out Devils," Monday evening, Oct. 30. This was the closing lecture of the course. The speaker considered the old world system of tyranny, and the new world system of culture in snbduing sins of every kind. Evil is expelled by the presence of good. [illegible] is thought was applied to philanthropy, education, politics and religion. The lecture closed with some thoughts about Chicago. God, with a sponge of fire, wipes out that city, bidding it try again to solve its problems. Mr. Shippen's lecture was decidedly the best of the series and greatly admired, though the audience was very chary of its applause.

587 Funeral.

MEDFIEID CORRESPONDENCE.

Alleged Suicide.—The Boston papers reported the death of Wm. H. Richardson of this town, through poison. An examination by Drs. Richardson and Stone failed to detect traces of self-destruction and his circumstances utterly forbid the supposition. Young Richardson was a druggist by profession and employed as manager by Dr. A. E. McDonald, Salem street, Boston. His business was prosperous and he was very happy in the prospect of marriage. On Friday, Oct. 27, he complained of severe headache and loss of appetite, and a few moments after was stricken with death. He lived several hours but did not speak again, though his dearest friends were with him. All methods failed to rouse him to consciousness. His funeral took place at the Unitarian church on Tuesday, the 31st. His pastor, Mr. Wiggin, alluded to Willie's purity, conscientiousness, to his love of home life, and to the real religion which led him to make profession of his faith. He was clad in the garments which were to have graced his wedding on Thanksgiving day. He died as a *man* dieth. Some verses entitled "What Then?" were repeated and the Scriptures read were of youth and death. The remains were taken to Framingham for interment, and a brief but beautiful service was conducted in the Unitarian church there by Rev. H. G. Spaulding, the pastor.

East Medway.—Edmund Cary, aged 32, died on Monday, the 23d, of injuries received from a horse two weeks before. Mr Cary was kicked in the left leg, which was fractured in the very worst way. Drs. Richardson, of Medfield, and Stone, of Walpole, set it. The case continuing dangerous, three other physicians were called into consultation; but mortification began, and the patient hopefully passed away from suffering. The funeral occurred on Wednesday, the pastor, Mr. Wiggin, of Medfield, officiating. Allusions were made to the brave, unselfish character of the deceased, and to his promise of useful manhood. A Scripture selection was David's lament over his son Absalom. A choir sang appropriate music, and a beautiful poem from the German; a "Trust Song" was read, of which this is the first verse:—

"Just as God leads me I would be;
I would not ask to choose my way;
Content with what he will bestow,
Assured he will not let me stray.
So as he leads my path I
And step by step I gladly take,
A child in him confidi[illegible]

Miss Elizabeth Richardson, age 56, died at Medfield, Sunday, Oct. 29, of complicated dropsical diseases. She was buried at Dedham from the house of her aunt, Mrs. Richards, on the 30th. Her pastor, Mr. Wiggin, conducted the services, and spoke of the qualities of the deceased; her superiority to frivolity; her loyalty to friends, family, the past, truth, and Christ. A poem on "Loneliness" was also read, and appropriate Scriptures. Miss Richardson was a daughter of the late Judge Richardson of Dedham. She has always been a devoted friend of Sunday-schools, and was at one time Superintendent of that connected with the Dedham Unitarian church. Her home for the past eight years has been with Miss Alona Langley in Medfield, who to the last was her devoted friend and nurse. Her last illness was painful but her clearness of mind followed her to the end, and evinced itself in the precision of her business arraugements. A firm Unitarian Christian, the Church loses a valued member whose place will long be vacant. Upon the steru Puritan stock she grafted the graces and hopes of a liberal Christianity.

Miss Elizabeth Richardson, the oldest and last surviving child of the late Hon. James and Sarah Elizabeth Richards Richardson of Dedham, died at Medfield on Sunday last, after an illness of about two months, at the age of 56 years, she having been born on the 21st of Nov., 1815. For several years after the death of her father, Miss Richardson lived at the old homestead, but removed to Medfield, her father's native town, about eight years ago, where she resided until her death. She was a woman of almost masculine strength of character, combined with womanly refluement and tenderness, and for many years exercised a marked influence in this community. She was an earnest and active member of the Unitarian Church and a faithful and devoted laborer in the Sunday-school. Both in Dedham and Medfield her memory will long be held in grateful remembrance.

The funeral took place from the residence of the family of her late uncle, Edward M. Richards, on Sunday, and the remains were interred in the family tomb in the village cemetery.

East Medway.—Miss Lucy Ann Morse was buried on Friday, Oct. 13th, Rev. J. H. Wiggin of Medfield officiating by request of the deceased. Miss Morse was a lady of amiable and useful character, who leaves an aged and lonely mother to mourn her loss. She was nearly 45 years of age. At the funeral the texts, "Though this outward man perish day by day, yet the inward man is renewed," and "Clothed upon with immortality," were dwelt upon and allusions made to the rebuilding of Chicago, and the church veils in Europe which separate the interior from the exterior, and typify death. The verses of Barton:

"At eve there shall be light,"

were also read.

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Sun: Nov. 12. 1871.

Pleasant.

590 School. 124

Prayer. Minister prayed & School joined in Lord's Prayer

Speech Pastor about "Cruelty to Animals" paper.

Collection voted towards the American Unitarian Association amount $3.55.

Map. Big map $15 shown & bought.

Lesson. Class of General. "Unmerciful Servant."

Record of "Dives & Lazarus."

Music. 102 — time of "Lucia". "Gracious Source of every blessing."

Testaments. Lesson read aloud in concert.

591 Chh.

Bible. Roms. 8:17-28. Hymns. 141-776.

Sermon - " " 2203.

"The whole Creation groaneth" &c.

Collection A. U. A. $90. + 10 ! than ever before.

CHURCHES.—The Unitarian sermon last Sunday was on "Another Unitarian Watch-word,—Progress." Text, Rom. 8: 22d and 23d verses. The speaker argued that the Bible, Christianity, and God's nature guarantee progress in the human race and the individual,—a progress not having reached perfection, but constantly going on; not to come speedily to the summit, but having eternity to march in; involving ups and downs and dark places and drawbacks, but still advancing; including all the faculties of human nature. Eternal life means eternal progress, and progress alone sheds light upon the ponderous problem of evil. The annual collection for the American Unitarian Association was taken, and was larger than ever before, amounting to ninety dollars, nearly the whole in small subscriptions of one or two dollars each.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

MRS. ROSA F. BUNKER, aged 20, wife of Mr. Albert C. Bunker, and daughter of Conrad Weiker, died in South Boston on the eighth, and was brought to Medfield and buried from her father's house on the tenth. Rev. Mr. Wiggin conducted the services. The deceased had been only a year married, but that year, though fraught with vicissitudes, was one of happiness.

"He sendeth sun, He sendeth shower;
Alike they're needful for the flower:
And joy and tears alike are sent
To give the soul fit nourishment.
As comes to me, or cloud or sun,
Father, thy will, not mine, be done."

592 Conference.

Leader - A. A. Stone.

RALLY!

UNITARIAN CHURCH,

SATURDAY EVE, NOV. 25, 1871,

AT 7 1-2 O'CLOCK.

The Friends of Medfield and Education, and all who are interested in the removal of the

ALLEN SCHOOL

from Newton to Castle Hill, will hold a public meeting at the above named place and date.

Addresses
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Ladies and gentlemen --- young and old invited.

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Med. Nov. 15. 1871.

593 Funeral. 1. p. m.
Mary Richardson.

597. Allen School meeting.

RALLY.—A meeting of ladies and gentlemen interested in the removal of the Allen School to Medfield from West Newton, will be held in the Unitarian Church, this Saturday evening, Nov. 25. Speeches by well-known citizens. If all come who are interested in the welfare of the town and the cause of education, there will be a crowded house, and that we hope to see.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

ALLEN SCHOOL.—A large meeting of the citizens of Medfield interested in the removal of the "Allen School" from Newton to Medfield was held on Saturday evening, November 25, at the Unitarian Church.

The meeting was called to order at half-past seven o'clock by Rev. J. H. Wiggin.

Chas. Hamant, Esq., was chosen chairman, and Geo. H. Ellis, clerk.

Upon motion of Mr. F. D. Ellis, a committee on resolutions, consisting of F. D. Ellis, James Harris, and James H. Wiggin, was appointed by the chair.

Deacon Cummings called for a distinct statement of the object of the meeting, after which he gave somewhat of a history of educational institutions in the town of Lancaster, as affecting the proposed removal.

The committee on resolutions then reported the following:

WHEREAS, Our former fellow-townsmen, the Messrs. Allen of West Newton, are contemplating the removal of the West Newton English and Classical school to Medfield; and

WHEREAS, In view of the great importance of such removal to this town, and the inestimable benefit to be derived therefrom, it has been deemed appropriate to give some public expression of the interest we feel in the undertaking; be it therefore

Resolved: 1. That as friends of universal education, we extend to the Messrs Allen our thanks and gratitude for their long and earnest labors in its behalf.

2. That as citizens of Medfield, we extend to them our heartfelt sympathy in the present project, and hereby express our deep sense of its importance to the welfare and prosperity of the town.

3. That we fully appreciate their high moral and intellectual worth, and recognize their acknowledged success as educators, and in the event of their return to this their native town, we extend to them a cordial welcome.

4. That nothing would give us greater satisfaction than to see Castle Hill and the Allen Homestead adorned with such an institution as the Allen School, and to see the neighborhood benefited by the intellectual and social life which grace the homes of the Directors of this Seminary.

5. That copies of these resolutions be presented to the Messrs. Allen, and be published in the NORFOLK COUNTY GAZETTE.

Remarks were made by James Harris, Esq., on the importance of education.

Rev. Jas. H. Wiggins then read extracts from a letter received by him from Mr. N. T. Allen, and also an extract from an article which appeared in the Newton *Journal*, giving statistics of the school, by which it appeared that the school has brought into the village of West Newton nearly one million of dollars, the largest part of which has come from other States, and no inconsiderable portion from foreign countries. Remarks were made by Mr. F. D. Ellis, Deacon Cummings, Dr. J. H. Richardson, Mr. Charles Adams, Mr. Wiggin, who spoke for the young men. The resolutions were then taken up, and after another reading the vote was taken, and the resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote. Messrs. F. D. Ellis, Deacon George Cummings and Charles Hamant, were appointed a committee to present the resolutions to the Messrs. Alden, after which the meeting adjourned.

Sun. Nov. 19. 1871

Pleasant.

594 School.
Book One of Proverb series.

595 Chh.

REV. WM. BROWN of Sherborn, preached in the Unitarian Church last Sunday, in place of the pastor, who preached in West Newton, Newton Highlands and Natick. Mr. Brown's sermon was on "Be fully persuaded in your own mind;" and his hearers said that the reverend gentleman had never given a better sermon in that church.

596 Conference.
Leader Mr. Henry Rdn.

Sun. Nov. 26. 1871.

Clouds & Sprinkles.

598 School. $1.50 129

Book "David Elginbrod."

Time "In darkness I wander" – "Thou sweet gliding Kedron".

Lesson "Laborers in Vineyard".

Read by school with pastor & questions asked & answered.

Speech by pastor on West Newton Sch. & the S.S. Gazette.

599 Chh.

Hymns 711 – 795.

Bible Luke 17. Story of 10 Lepers.

Sermon. " 17:17.

UNITARIAN CHURCH.—The sermon at this church last Sunday was on Ingratitude towards God and Man, from the text "Where are the Nine?" in answer to the question, is it right for men to expect an appreciation in return for their helpfulness. The contribution to the Unitarian Association, amounting to a hundred dollars, goes to constitute Miss Aloner Laugley, Mrs. Mary B. Fowler and Mrs. A. P. Kingsbury life members of that institution.

Sun. Dec. 3. 1871.

Dull. Mild.

600 School.

Book. "Work on Gunboat."

Committee 2 boys Chosen on Service books.

Speech. Pastor on the famous Talking Machine now exhibiting in Boston.

Music. "Affection." 757. "Oh thou at whose dread name

General Lesson. Parable of "2 Sons" & the "Cup & Platter".

601 Chh.

Bible. Gals. 2: 11+. Hym 479 — 2 parts.

Sermon. " 2: 19.

CHURCHES.—The sermon at the Unitarian church last Sunday was on this theme, "What are you living for?" a question easily answered as to the exterior but not as to the interior purpose. Some people live for money, not for its results but *itself*. Others live for self, and are generous or mean only for themselves. Others live for their families and friends, and so far this living is blessed. A few, like the apostle, "live unto God," and this is best and adds to all other plans of right living the Eternal element. Rev. Mr. Wiggin has just completed a course of ten Sunday evening lectures, (generally repetitions of his sermons at home during the day,) at Natick, in Good Templar's Hall. At the close of the series the friends of liberal Christianity held a meeting and partially organized a church. An adjourned meeting is to be held on Monday evening, December 18. Meanwhile meetings are to be continued and will be held on the 10th and 17th of December in another hall.

NORFOLK UNITARIAN CONFERENCE.—This body held its annual meeting with the Mount Pleasant Church, Boston Highlands, last week. On Wednesday evening, the 6th, Rev. Dr. Putnam preached a fine sermon on "Science and Religion." The opening services were conducted by the Secretary, Rev. Mr. Wiggin, of Medfield. On Thursday the same gentleman led the morning prayer meeting, with a continuance of the practical thoughts of the sermon of the night before. A fine essay on "Popular Unitarianism not identical with pure Christianity, which is a descent of the Spiritual rather than the development of the Natural," written by a Dorchester lady, was read by her Pastor, Rev. N. Hall, and aroused much discussion. Reports from the churches were made. The old board of officers was re-elected, with one exception. Mr. Adams Ayer, of the Highlands, being substituted for Rev. A. J. Patterson, Universalist. Missionary movements at Natick and Newton Highlands.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

THANKSGIVING.—The service this year was held in the 2d Congregational church, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton preaching an excellent sermon on Honesty. Dishonesty was not a necessity under any circumstances, said the speaker. The thought was applied to the city government of New York, our dealings with our children, raffles in religious fairs, which become stepping-stones to something worse in extent, but the same in spirit and equally illegal in practice. Mr. Eaton's discourse was worthy of the audience which the cold wind kept at the home firesides.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

UNITARIAN COTERE.—One of these pleasant gatherings took place on Friday evening, December 8th, at Curtis' Hall. The entertainment was varied: Four young girls had a short dialogue, called the "Drunkard's Daughter." Ada Roberts, Jenny Clarke, Eliza Richardson and Ella Fairbanks. George Smith recited an "Up Country Letter" in rhyme. Annie Richardson told us "Why the Old Rooster Wouldn't Die," and Hattie R. recited Whittier's ever charming "Little People." Mable Morse discoursed of Santa Claus. Jacob Bruce sang the "Tempest," and Emma Bruce and Annie Clarke chanted the "Mermaid's Song." The *chef d'œuvre* of the evening was Moncrief's old farce, the "Spectre Bridegroom, or a Ghost in Spite of Himself," with the following cast:

Squire Aldwinkle,	Amos Shumway.
Mr. Nicodemus,	Walter Haisington.
Dickory,	Simon Stone.
Captain Vauntington,	Elisha Bishop.
Paul,	Gilbert Babcock.
Thomas,	Lewis Cutler.
Lavinia,	Mrs. Emma Hoisington.
Georgiana,	Miss Carry Frost.

It was a very creditable performance indeed, the players entering into the spirit of the piece wonderfully. Special attention was given to the costumes and to the properties, some of which were specially gotten up for the occasion. The stage arrangements were unusually good. Mr. Walter S. Parker, who was present, read very finely Mark Twain's account of the way in which the Innocents Abroad Humbugged the Guides in Genoa.

Norfolk Conference of Unitarian and other Christian Churches.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Mount Pleasant Church, Boston Highlands, Rev. C. C. Carpenter, Pastor, —

THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 1871.

DELEGATES.

Each Church is entitled to representation by pastor and at least six delegates who may be ladies or gentlemen.

MODES OF ACCESS.

The Mt. Pleasant Church is on Dudley Street, corner of Greenville Street.

The Metropolitan Horse Cars, running up Washington St. and Harrison Avenue, to Norfolk House, Warren Street, Eccleston Square and Mt. Pleasant, all run very near the church. Friends from out of the city, will find it most convenient to come into Boston and take a horse car at the corner of Harrison Avenue and Beach St.; on Washington St. below Summer St.; or on Tremont St. near Broomfield St.

Stoughton Street Station on the Blackstone Division of the Hartford and Erie R, R., is about a mile from the church, and friends living on that railroad may find it convenient to leave the train at that Station.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Wednesday Eve., Dec. 6,

Service in the Mt. Pleasant Church at 7 1-2 o'clock. Rev. Geo. Putnam, D. D., will preach the sermon.

Thursday, A. M.

9 to 10,	A Prayer Meeting conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. C. Carpenter.
10	Conference opens. Records read. Nominating Committee appointed. Secretary's Report. Other business.
10 1-2	A Letter-Essay, by a lady connected with the First Church, Dorchester, in relation to "*The Ultimate of Unitarianism*," to be followed by Discussion.
12 1-2,	Collation.

P. M.

2,	Conference Reassembles. Report of Nominating Committee and election of Officers for the ensuing year. Reports from the Churches of the Conference, not exceeding five minutes each. Report of the Treasurer J. H. Cobb, and Collection to defray expenses of Conference. Other Business.
3,	Discussion of the Essay resumed.
4 1-2	Adjournment.

J. H. WIGGIN,
Secretary.

J. MASON EVERETT,
President.

Medfield, Mass., Nov. 28, 1871.

Delegates.

G. M. Smith & wife
S. Ellis & wife.
C. Hamant & wife.
E. T. Everett & wife.
G. W. Kingsbury & wife
Hannah Smith.
Mr. & Mrs. Hayden.
Mr. & Mrs. Jas. Hewins.
Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Allen.
Miss Bruce
Ella Allen.

Sun: Dec: 10: 1871.
Bright & pleasant.

602 School.
Book "Misunderstood."

Committee. Chosen for door at lecture & Christmas evergreens.

603. Chh.
Rev. W. B. Smith.

Election. Rev. Mary. H. Graves is to be ordained at Mansfield on the 14. This Chh invited & Mr. Ellis Allen appointed delegate.

REV. W. B. SMITH, of Walpole, preached at the First church last Sunday, on Influence: Jesus felt "that virtue had gone out of him." It was pronounced the best sermon ever given in that church by Mr. Smith, who is famous for quaint texts.

Pastor. preached in West Newton & Grantville.

604 Lecture: Shillaber.

"MRS PARTINGTON."—B. P. Shillaber's lecture "without a subject," at the Unitarian church, Monday evening, the 11th of December, was well attended, and full of wit and good stories, illustrating themes which grew one out of another, like the barrels of a telescope, and mingled with good suggestions to young and old, and hits at human foibles. Mr. S. is a man of overflowing tenderness and broad human sympathy. Fifteen dollars were cleared for the "Animal Cause."

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Sun. Dec. 17. 1871.
Clouds & melting of snow.

605 School. 112
Book. Dickens' "Oliver Twist".
Music. Old music for Christmas.
Speeches Sun. Sch. Teachers' Institute at Littleton.
by Pastor. Music - copies given by Mr. Wilson of Milton's
Hymn. wedded to Auber's music.
Vote of Thanks passed for the same.
Talk about Christmas trimmings.
General Lesson. Pearl of great Price. & Sparrows

606 Chh.
Bible Selections from Psalm 104. Hymns. 166 - 796
Sermon Ps 104: 30.
"Thou sendest forth thy Spirit & they are created". &c.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

"SCIENCE IN RELIGION," in pursuance of the topic introduced by Rev. Dr. Putnam, at the recent meeting of the Norfolk Conference, was the subject of the Unitarian sermon last Sunday. In the Sunday School a brief address was made by Mr. Rich, of the Wesleyan College, Middletown, Conn. Next Sunday eve, there will be a Christmas vesper service, at 7 o'clock, and a sermon on the "Yoke of Christ." Public invited.

HISTRIONIC.—There was another Unitarian Coterie at Curtis Hall, on Friday eve, Dec. 15. Moncrief's Farce, "The Spectre Bridegroom," was repeated, and better played than before, as the actors had acquired more confidence and freedom. Several young ladies repeated a Dialogue called "Chignons." A few songs by young ladies and little girls, and several recitations, filled out a very pleasant programme, after which those who wished remained an hour longer for a social dance.

Sun. Dec. 24. 1871

Warm & moist underfoot.

607 School. —140—

Book "Swiss Family Robinson"

Music For Xmas!

Speeches Pastor about trimming & H. F. Campbell of Cambridge Divinity School. on Guido's Picture of Michel & Satan & its legend.

Thanks voted for Xmas Evergreens.

Class Exercise. A Xmas song by Xmas class.

General Lesson. Parable of Pearl Reviewed = & lesson on Parable of "Wicked Husbandmen"

CORRECTION.—In the report of a Christmas sermon last week, it reads, the yoke of Christ "means not subjugation but servitude." It should read "not subjugation nor servitude, but union and helpfulness."

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

CHRISTMAS.—Mr. Henry F. Campbell of the Cambridge Theological School, preached at the Unitarian church last Sunday afternoon on Fidelity, from the text, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." The exercises at the Sunday-school were appropriate to the season. The church was prettily trimmed with evergreen emblems. In the evening the vesper service was very fine. The choir was unusually large and sang several anthems in a most admirable way. The sermon was on the text, "Take my yoke upon you;" the purpose of which was to show that Christ's yoke means not *subjugation* but *servitude*.

608. Chh.

Bible.

Hymns. 288 – 143.

Sermon. Rev. H. F. Campbell.

609. Xmas Vesper.

1. Organ & Sentences.
2. Anthem. "Exulting Angels."
3. Isaiah 40:1–9.
4. Soprano Chant & then
5. Matt. 2:1–10.
6. Responsive Chant.
7. Prayer
8. Response.
9. Poem. Mrs. Whitney.
10. Hymn 223. Hummel.
11. Sermon.
12. Subscription Song.
13. Notices.
14. 240 Labah.
15. Benediction.

THE BAPTIST TREE.—The Baptist congregation had a pleasant gathering on Christmas evening. A few gifts were upon the tree. Messrs. Tilden & Ord played a duet. Considerable fun was made by the presentation to Deacon Babcock of a sawhorse of solid oak, which the venerable Martin Bailey had made in repayment of a time worn joke to which the Deacon had alluded in his rhymes at Mr. Bailey's *almost a pearl* wedding a few nights before. Mrs. Tilden, who was in the secret, had some verses ready in response. The great occasion of the evening was the prescutation to the Sunday School by Deacon Cummings, of the generous gift of a Woods Cabinet Organ. Mr. W. S. Tilden responded in behalf of the school.

Old Year.
Sun. Dec. 31. 1871.
Dull. Slippery.

611 School. -108-
Book. "Cue. Amusements." Silouhettes.
Music. New Year Preparation.
Vote. to take 50 copies "Day Spring" in School.
Speeches Pastor about Brattleboro Fruit Trees.
Also about attention to Lessons.
General Review of "Wicked Husbandmen".
Lesson "Barren Fig Tree".

612 Chh.
Bible Lev. 25:23-34
Hymns. 719 - 884
Sermon Levs. 25:29.

NEW YEAR'S. — Last Sunday, being the last day of 1871, was naturally and properly devoted to a New Year's service in many churches. The Unitarian sermon on the text "Within a full year may he redeem it," related to prominent events of the past twelve months, the French Revolution; public calamities, which will continue till the people learn self-restraint and submission to wholesome regulations, and so enable themselves to call corporations to a strict account; and finally to Drs. Gannett, Alonzo Hill, and Richardson, and Messrs. Phipps, Swan, Angier, Merrick, S. J. May and Scandlin, the nine clergymen whom death has removed from the Unitarian ranks within a year.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

A LOCAL CONCERT, in which only residents of Medfield participated, given at the Unitarian Church, on Thursday evening, Dec. 28, by the Choral Union, was a complete success, and well attended, the receipts reaching nearly fifty dollars, to be appropriated toward the payment of the piano. The solo gems of the evening, which were encored, were, "Sailed," by Marianna Smith; "Jeannette's Choice," by Ellen Allen, and "Woman's Resolutions," by Emma Bruce. But other singers are worthy of equal praise for their efforts. Miss Addie Ellis sang "Robbin's Return" well, and her voice appeared to advantange in the solo and chorus, "Rippling Waters," and the duet, "On the Mountains Airy Summit," with Miss Smith. Miss Olive Young executed the "Wood Nymph's Call" admirably, and sustained well her part in two duets with Frank L. Babcock, whose flute-like voice added a charm to the double quartette, "The Bugle Horn." Mr. Stone was creditably funny in the mixture of "Dundee" and "Patience Serena Ann Maria." The "Pirate's Chorus," from Balfe's opera of the "Enchantress," was well sung by male voices. The duet, "On to the Field of Glory," from Donizetti's opera of "Belisario," lacked force, and had been better sung at rehearsals. The encored piece, by Misses Young and Smith, and Messrs. Bigelow and Hunt, "When I can Read my Title Clear," was well given, and Mr. Hunt's tenor blended nicely with Miss Smith's rich alto in the duette, "Hope Beyond." Miss Allen had been suffering with a sore throat, and her voice differed in the musical version of Kingsley's poem of the "Three Fishers," but her tones never lose their singular sympathetic quality. Miss Annie Clarke was unable to sing the parts assigned her, because of a cold. The chorus, unfortunately only sang twice, in Keller's American Hymn, and "America," in which the audience joined, but from which the fourth and best verse, "Our fathers' God, to thee" was unaccountably omitted. Mr. John Ord led, and Mr. Smith played the accompaniments in his usual perfect manner, and both these gentlemen deserve great credit for their perseverance in aiding the development of our native talent. It would greatly facilitate the musical education of every community if concert givers would carefully put upon their programmes the names of both authors and composers, and also the sources of their selections, that in music, as in literature, the people shall grow familiar with names, great and little; learn to associate melodies with nationalities, and credit oratorio, opera, mass and ballad with their just dues. Wanted—Medfield girls to sing, to cultivate the alto parts.

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FIRST BALLAD CONCERT

OF THE

Medfield Choral Union,

DECEMBER 28, 1871.

PART I.

1. KELLER'S AMERICAN HYMN, Full Chorus.
2. DUET, "*How dear to me the hour*,"
   Miss O. B. Young and F. L. Babcock.
3. SONG, "*Robin's Return*," Addie Ellis ~~Miss Ella Allen.~~
4. SACRED QUARTETTE, "*When I can read my title clear*,"
   Misses O. B. Young and Mariana Smith,
   Messrs. Bigelow and Hunt.
5. SONG, "*Up, Ye Dames!*" Chorus, Miss Addie Ellis.
6. DOUBLE QUARTETTE, Male Voices, "*The Bugle Horn*."
7. SONG, "*Wood Nymphs Call*," Miss O. B. Young.
8. DUET, "*On the mountain's airy summit*,"
   Misses Addie Ellis and Mariana Smith.
9. SONG AND CHORUS, "*Lottie Lee*,"
   Misses Emma Bruce and ~~Annie Clark.~~ Mary Bruce
   Messrs. Albert Babcock and ~~Simeon Stone.~~ F. L. Babcock
10. DUET, "*On to the field of Glory*,"
    Messrs. Albert Stone and F. L. Babcock.

Looking Forward

PART II.

1. CHORUS OF MALE VOICES, "*The Pirate's Chorus*,"
2. SONG, "*Jeanette's Choice*," Dances Miss Ella Allen.
3. SONG, "*Woman's Resolution*," Miss Emma Bruce.
4. DUET, "*Hope Beyond*,"
   Miss Mariana Smith and Mr. Hunt.
5. SONG AND CHORUS, "*Gone in her early beauty*,"
   Mrs. Braman, Miss Mariana Smith,
   Messrs. Hunt and B. J. Babcock.
6. SONG, "*The Three Fishers*," Miss Ella Ellen.
7. DESCRIPTIVE SONG, "*Patience*," Mr. Albert Stone.
8. SONG, "*Sailed*," Miss Mariana Smith.
9. SONG AND CHORUS, "*Softly o'er the rippling waters*,
   Misses Addie Ellis and Mariana Smith,
   Messrs Hunt and Albert Stone.
10. DUET, "*Moonlight, Music, Love and Flowers*,"
    Miss O. B. Young and F. L. Babcock.
11. "AMERICA," FULL CHORUS.

The Choral Union have in course of preparation, a beautiful Operatic Cantata, in two parts, entitled the "HAYMAKERS," to be ready in a few weeks.

S. J. Spear, Printer, Medfield.

TOWN MEETING.—Besides the State and County elections, it was voted to expend $500 on Phillips street, which runs from South street to Chenery's grist mill. An article to reconsider a former vote in reference to the sale of the engine-house and land was set aside, and that matter stands as before.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. Daniels Hamant was injured last week by falling from a load of straw. The hurt was severe, but we are glad to know that Mr. Hamant is fast recovering from it.

W. S. TILDEN, who uses the new Boston system, and teaches his schools to sing by note and in parts at sight, has closed his connection with West Roxbury, and begun his labors in Newton, receiving a much higher salary in the latter place. He is still employed in the Salem public schools.

TOWN HALL.—This building will not be completed for some months, but meanwhile the citizens are organizing themselves into a gang to clear and grade the grounds. Now and then some ill bird defiles its own nest by a fling at this beautiful structure. Besides, some of our best citizens doubt its utility and wish it had never been built. Of course, questions of detail are open to debate, but nevertheless, the new hall will be a great ornament, and find plenty of uses. At present a small, low hall is all the town can boast. For fairs, festivals, concerts, lectures, and public demonstrations of every kind, a commodious public hall is needed. While other towns build, with taxation, halls costing from fifty to one hundred thousand dollars, this costs less than thirty, and eight-tenths of the expense. All but three or four thousand dollars, are met by the bequest of the late George Chenery. There is the drawback of an annuity, but even with that the town is the gainer. This hall is now "Medfield Folly;" but five years will show it to be "Medfield Wisdom;"—and we build not for our own lives, but for centuries and for children's children unto the twentieth generation.

THE BAKERY.—The long expected auction occurred on the eighth, but not in accordance with public anticipations. The place itself, receiving no satisfactory bids, was not sold. Horses and wagons were disposed of, and a quantity of debris. The house being withdrawn the furniture was withdrawn also. Mr. A. B. Balch will remain on the homestead at present, but the vicinage will miss "the Medfield cracker." Chas. Hamant, Esq., was the auctioneer. We need such an establishment here, and a practical baker, with small capital, would do well in a retail trade.

ELECTION.—At the Town Meeting last week, a vote distributor from Needham appeared upon the scene but was summarily hustled off the premises. The appearance was certainly in bad taste; but query—Is this a free country?

THE WEST.—Clothing amounting to a thousand dollars in value, and a hundred dollars in money, have been sent west, and a few more cases are to go.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.—The ladies have begun working for the Fair in behalf of this project, and solicit money for the purchase of materials.

OUR DUMB ANIMALS. — Those interested in the Boston Fair for the "prevention of cruelty" are asking for donations for the tables.

THE WILL of the late Warren Chenery, Esq., which gives his property to his brothers, excites much comment among those who believed he would remember other friends and relatives, and his church.

CATASTROPHE.—The other day a strapped trunk fell open at the Central Station and therefrom flowed a strange liquid with the perfume of strong waters. The package bore no address, and we hope its contents were not intended for use in this village.

MISS ROBINSON'S WILL.—A number of ladies and gentlemen went to the Dedham Probate Office in the storm of Nov. 15th, to testify about this will. All parties present *seemed* to desire that it should be broken, and others interested did not appear. The hearing was accordingly postponed a fortnight by Judge White.

SAD OCCURRENCES connected with the death of a much respected young woman, have been the theme of conversation during the past week. The particulars are too revolting and heartrending for publication. The criminal has fled to escape arrest. The afflicted friends have the sympathy of the whole community.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

QUEER.—On Tuesday, Nov. 21st, a man arrived by the up morning train. Instead of behaving like ordinary mortals, he vanished under the platform of the station, opposite the door of the ladies' room. He was observed, but finally managed to crawl from his hiding place unnoticed. Being pursued and overtaken on the cross M. & F. track, he stated that he had business with Mr. John Ellis, with whom he subsequently had an interview. He was recognized as a Boston broker. Gentlemen do not *burrow* in public for nothing. This stranger has, however, departed without further strangeness, and his conduct remains a mystery.

I. O. OF G. T.—At the Lodge on Tuesday evening, some of the members performed very acceptably a short play, called "Temptation, or The Sailor's Return." Miss Carrie Winship, Mr. Albert Babcock, and the Messrs. Stone sustained the parts.

MORTALITY.—Nine burials have taken place in Medfield within about a month.

HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBITION.—This entertainment on Friday evening, November 24, was very satisfactory and varied. The songs were well done, especially "Hang up the Baby's Stocking," by some younger scholars, and "Kiss me, Dear Tommy, and Go," by an older group. Jacob Bruce sang the solo in the "Tempest" with good effect. The tableau, "Coming thro' the Rye," was very finely done, the *mis en scene* being specially excellent. The dialogues, "Rehearsal" and "Chignons," were given in a way that left *nothing* to be desired, and won praise from all sides. The pantomime, "Wife Wanted," was capital. The recitations were all good; very noticeable were "Charcoal Man," "Hiawatha's Wooing," "Which," "Little Gretchen," "Roll Call," "Green Apples," "Kiss in School," and "Widow Bedott;" but it would be invidious to particularize for all were excellent, and a few your reporter did not hear. The original element was very prominent in the ingenious "Chromites," "Prophecies," "Echoes," "School Alphabet" and "Journals," and also in dialogues and speeches. The assistant teacher, Miss Emerson, read "Margery Grey," and "Rabbe" Parker himself was called upon for Sergeant Bufuz's famous defense of Mrs. Bardell. The whole affair was well arranged and made the school-house merry; and forty dollars profit will buy dictionaries and apparatus to help in study. The school is very fortunate in its principal, who develops the latent talent of the pupils and encourages true manliness also. Towns that pay larger salaries, please stand aloof.

ACCIDENT.—Moses Johnson had his thumb crushed at Curtis' straw shop the other day by the falling of a bunter upon it.

THE TOWN FARM.—In his controversy with Mr. Bradlee, Dr. S. G. Howe takes occasion to say that "Medfield has the glory (or the shame) of supporting her paupers at twenty-six cents and nine mills each per week," these being it appears the lowest figures in the State, the average being $1.41 a week, and the minimum $5. We are glad to know it. Medfield has few paupers, only four or five at present. The farm is one of the best and most productive in town. The house is large, commodious, well-built, and has capacious rooms. Of course it was not recently erected, but few residences in the neighborhood excel it. The table is well-furnished. Great care is taken to have a good keeper. The inmates are generally seen at one of the churches. Callers at the Farm-house find them ready to be seen. They enjoy freedom and are happy. Certainly as *few* complaints are made about the Medfield farm as about any such establishment. Dr. Howe's fling was therefore uncalled for. The secret of the economy lies in a first rate farm well-managed.

LITTLE AUKS.—Medfield was one of the many places favored with visits from these polar birds, which afforded great amusement to the boys and girls by their power of swimming several minutes under water.

HALL.—D. D. Curtis has rented his hall to the Post of the Grand Army for a year, and persons who wish its use have now to apply to Mr. Pascal Grover. Mr. Joseph Clarke acts as janitor.

THE STRAW SHOP of Curtis & Co., has been greatly improved in the outbuildings.

COMMON ERROR.—Rev. Robert Collyer, of Chicago, always talks with a flavor of Yorkshire in his dialect, and continually refers to Haworth, the Brontes, the mines, the forge, and Yorkshire in general; yet he is frequently "writ down" a Scotchman by intelligent journalists.

MR. ELIJAH THAYER was recently victimized to the extent of a few scores of dollars, by a young man visiting at his house, who was too much indisposed to attend church, Sunday, the tenth, but who has as yet avoided capture.

F. DANA ELLIS, ESQ., has removed to Boston for the winter. During his absence his house is occupied by Misses Emerson and Packard, the teachers.

THE BAPTIST PULPIT on the 10th and 17th, was filled by Messrs. Small and Twing, of the Newton Theological School.

MYSTERIOUS TRAVELLER.—A city hack appeared at Mr. Willard I. Allen's, on the Medway road, corner of Bridge street, at about three o'clock one morning last week, and demanded shelter and food. At dawn the occupants had disappeared like the ghosts, but an advertisement brought carriage and owner together again. The vehicle belonged to a livery stable at the South End of Boston, and is said to have been stolen while the driver was enjoying an oyster stew. Is there more behind? Romantic thieves will please let Medfield alone. It is enough that the town should suffer from sundry small depredations as she has of late.

MR. CHARLES ADAMS and family have returned to New York.

MR. ELIAKIM MORSE, after many months of suffering, passed away on the 16th, and was buried from his late residence on the 20th. In his palmy days he was a useful and active man. The funeral was attended by Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, the Baptist church being without a pastor. There has been much sickness in the Morse family and some of its members are still enduring the burden of disease. Mr. Morse was 71 years of age.

COMICAL BROWN gave an entertainment at Curtis Hall on the 21st. The cold snap considerably lessened the attendance, and possibly the public tires of such gross fun.

SLEIGHING has been very good, without ruts or "thank you ma'ams" to disturb the serenity of the jovial "slippar."

[From another correspondent.]

The 59th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bailey, of this town, was remembered by their friends in this vicinity on Wednesday evening last, who assembled, notwithstanding the severity of the weather, in large numbers at his neat and tidy cottage at an early hour in the evening, for a "good time." Mr. Bailey, though in his 83d year, retains in a remarkable degree his mental and physical powers, and entertained his guests in his usual happy manner, cordially receiving them with a heartfelt grasp of the hand and a kind word for each. His excellent wife, though somewhat feeble with the infirmities of age, yet contributed much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

They were joined in marriage at the old Baptist parsonage—the house now owned and occupied by Mr. Joseph Miller—the Rev. William Gammell officiating—then the Baptist minister in this place. This venerable couple have survived all who were at their nuptials with but one exception. Miss Lucy Morse, of this town, though then but a small child, distinctly recollects the events of that evening, and from her a letter expressing kind wishes and congratulations was received. John J. Adams, Esq., of New York, and George W. Hayward, Esq., of Providence, sent valuable tokens of their remembrance, while friends and neighbors vied with each other in furnishing valuable articles for household use and the comfort of the aged couple; and, though they are in comfortable circumstances, yet about sixty dollars in addition found its way to their purse.

The subjoined beautiful stanzas, composed for the occasion by our gifted fellow-citizen, Rev. C. C. Sewall, were read and presented to Mr. and Mrs. B.

Gathering o'er us—gathering fast—
The night of life draws near;
While, as we turn to muse the past,
Long by-gone years appear.

Thoughtfully list'ning, we can hear
From each a silent voice,
That gently falls on memory's ear,
Bidding us now rejoice

That through them all we have been blest
With much to make life dear,
And, having friends, may now take rest,
Without of want a fear;

That Children dear, and loved ones gone,
Come back to us to-night,
As if to life they were new born,
With hearts all pure and bright;

That loved ones still are round us here,
Our home with joy to fill,
Who with us will be ever near,
Whate'er betide of ill.

Then, Lord, to Thee, whose care we own,
Our hearts and lives we give,
And only ask, by grace it be,
That nearer Thee we live.

So not e'en death the tender tie,
That binds our hearts shall rend;
And we may live with Thee, on high,
The life which has no end.

Medfield, Dec. 30, 1871. H.

Sewing Circle.

1. Oct. 12. Hewins
2. " 19. G. M. Smith
3. " " " "
4. " Miss. Hewins
5. Nov. 16 " "
6. Annual Meeting Nov. 2-

UNITARIAN FAIR.—The ladies of the Sewing Circle had a sale in Curtis Hall, Thursday, Nov. 2d, which was well attended, considering the many deaths that have lately occurred, the short notice that was given, and the hasty preparation necessarily made. The numerous articles for sale were both beautiful and useful. Miss Blanche Curtis, aged eight years, drew the moss house made by Mrs. Horace Howard. The sofa cushion was drawn by Amos Shumway, Jr. A splendid afghan was withdrawn from raffle. The profits have been voted towards the purchase of a new organ.

MADAME J. J. FONTARIE of Boston has bought the Jayues house on North street, near the Unitarian church. She iutends occupying it as a summer residence.

MADAME DESTRES, who has been spending the hot season iu town, has been engaged to take the French classes in the Framingham Normal Sch

MISS OLIVE YOUNG of Medfield is teaching the school in the South District.

MR. MARTIN BAILEY, our venerable tax-gatherer, one of the oldest men in town, lately rode to Dedham and walked back, an exercise that would lame the back of younger men.

MISS LIZZIE FISKE, daughter of our well known postmaster, was married to Mr. Stone, at her father's house, on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Rev. J. M. R. Eaton officiated, and a large and merry party threw symbols of good wishes after the departing train.

SCHOOLS.—Miss Adams of Medway, has succeeded Miss Wiuship in the North School, and Miss —— of Reading, is Mr. Parker's Assistant in the High School in place of Miss Dyer.

TOWERS rise upon the Town Hall. The roofers are at work on the outside, and the lathers inside. Query? What is the curious *handle*-like ornament in the centre of the roof? Does it mean that sometimes the cover is to be lifted?

MR. WM. MARSHALL has purchased of his sister, Mrs. Pratt, her portion of the house on Zion's Lane belonging to their late father.

MR. WM. S. TILDEN of this town, has no less than eighty singing classes in Salem and West Roxbury.

MR. THOMAS UPHAM has added new windows to his ancient cottage on Main street, the oldest in town, and above the door, in red letters, appears the name, "King Philip." The color is appropriate to the tradition of the Red Man.

THE SUMMER RESIDENTS are departing. Mr. J. Adams has returned to New York. By the by, one of the clergy had reason to be grateful the other day for a barrel of potatoes and a cord of wood.

WALKER S. PARKER, of the High School, lectured on temperance at Curtis Hall, on Tuesday evening, Sept. 26th. The lecture was short, and given memoriter, and contained some good stories and many forcible hits. A few imperfections will be remedied by experience. Mr. Parker has already given this lecture to an association in Boston, and it is worth hearing anywhere. Singing and playing by Addie Ellis, Olive Young, A. M. Stone and F. L. Babcock, preceeded and followed the lecture, and Mr. B. R. Babcock read an original poem on "Football."

"THE HOUR OF SINGING," is the title of a new book of music compiled by W. S. Tilden of this town in conjunction with L. O. Emerson; and an excellent collection it is for home or High school.

CAPT. E. T. SEARS has removed from Medfield to Hyde Park.

MR. THOMAS BARNEY led his fellow citizens the other evening in placing a street lamp upon his corner. Messrs. Fiske, Hale, Ward, Curtis and others have followed suit, and our streets will soon be well lighted, as others are to profit by the example.

THE BAKERY.—It is with great regret that we learn of the intention of our courteous fellow citizen, A. B. Balch, to sell his establishment at an early date. Not only will Mr. Balch be a loss personally, but the town needs an establishment of the kind, and it is to be hoped somebody will continue the business.

ALLEN SCHOOL.—Mr. Elman Mason has sold ten acres of woodland on Castle Hill to the Allen brothers, and building operations will be at once commenced. A picnic was planned by the Messrs. Allen with some of their scholars on the site last Saturday, but the gathering was deferred on account of the weather. They have also bought land of the Misses Wight, Noah Allen and Job Hudson.

ACCIDENTS.—Mr. Caleb Hamant was standing between the wheels of a carriage, when the horse ran. Mr. H. was thrown down and bruised but escaped severe injury. Michael Hayden, Esq., who within the week has bought and occupied the brown house on Main street, belonging to Mr. John Jones, in catching his horse on Saturday, Oct. 7, was very severely kicked in the chest, and for awhile it was feared his wounds might prove fatal. On Monday evening the 9th the family of Mr. Gilman Cary of East Medway were driving to Medfield for a lecture, when the horse ran and kicked. Mr. Edmund Cary was very badly hurt and his leg terribly fractured and he will probably suffer a long confinement. One of the daughters also was slightly injured.

BUILDINGS.—Mr. David Plympton is completing a new house opposite the site of the Old Homestead; and on the same street, John Tobin is erecting a cottage. The house of Mr. Paige, near the H. & E. station, is for sale, and also Mr. Blackburn's place in the edge of Dover.

HOWE'S SCALES are a great improvement to the surroundings of the Central station, and useful to Mr. Ward in his coal agency.

CHARLES RUSSELL was thrown from his wagon Saturday evening, the 16th, but fortunately not seriously injured, though bad results were at first feared.

MICHAEL RYAN was charged by Conrad Weiker with assault and battery, and a warrant was obtained from Dedham over Sunday. When Constable Hamant went to serve it Ryan skedaddled.

PROF. CADWELL, on Friday evening, the 13th, gave one of his mesmeric entertainments, with a little jugglery, and a few puppets. Curtis Hall was crowded. Only two lads came fully under the psychological influence, and the few performances lacked variety.

HON. AND REV. GEORGE S. BALL is to lecture at the Unitarian Church, next Monday, Oct. 23, on "What a man can do for a farm and what a farm can do for a man."

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.—A few citizens assembled at Curtis Hall on Friday evening, to consider this subject. Chas. Hamant, Esq., presided; G. H. Ellis was clerk. After some debate about the best means by Messrs. Cushman, Samuel and Geo. H. Ellis, W. S. Parker, James Hewins, and Wiggin, it was voted that Mr. Hewins, Jos. W. Page, and G. H. Ellis be a committee on permanent organization. It was voted to have a Fair when the Town Hall is completed. Mr. Hewins accordingly presented a list of 18 ladies and gentlemen, 6 from each of the 3 religious societies, to take this charge. The names are those of men and women of large experience in such matters, and admirably selected for the purpose. It is proposed also to take subscriptions. We predict large success for the enterprise, and wish that some public spirited man would lay a noble financial foundation for the library, and in some way make it a memorial of our fallen heroes, and perpetuate a generous name. A reading room, to be always open, of course, forms part of the plan.

MR. HAYDEN is recovering from his late severe accident; and Mr. Edmund Cary is also doing well.

THE MESSRS. ALLEN and pupils, a party of 60, held a picnic at Castle Hill on Saturday, the 14th. Several nations, including Japan and all parts of the United States, were represented among the party.

THE ALLEN SCHOOL.—The friends of the Messrs. Allen in West Newton, have held a meeting and urged them to remain there. A full arrangement has not been reached, but operations here have been suspended till spring.

MR. WARREN CHENERY, an old and greatly respected citizen of the town, died suddenly on Tuesday evening, Oct. 24. Mr. Chenery had been present at a meeting for the relief of the western sufferers. He left the vestry before the meeting closed, and died in half an hour, having just reached his house on South street. Cause, heart disease. At the Orthodox prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, he was greatly missed, having been always present, when able, at that gathering.

CHICAGO.—A public meeting was held at the Baptist vestry, Tuesday evening, the 24th. Very few were present. Rev. J. H. Wiggin was made Chairman. Rev. Mr. Eaton, and Messrs. Cummings, Cushman, Hale, Cheney, and Mr. Johnson, made remarks. Voted to help the sufferers in Wisconsin and Michigan. Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Tilden, Miss Mary Davis, Moses Johnson, T. L. Barney, and Jos. W. Page were appointed a committee to collect clothing and money, giving every house an opportunity to contribute. Mr. Cummings subscribed fifty dollars. Curtis & Co. have given $100 through their office in New York, besides sustaining losses by debt and insurance. Packages of goods are to be invoiced carefully. Mr. J. B. Hale has already packed a barrel.

CHEMISTRY AND PHRENOLOGY.—Charles M. Sherman of Bridgewater has given three lectures on these subjects to small audiences in Curtis Hall. He conveys much information, and examines heads intelligently. His leading theme is the "Chemical Elements of the Human Body." Mr. Sherman is much less of a charlatan than most such lecturers. Pickles are his "*betes noirs*,"— but he believes in pepper, red and black.

ANIMAL CRUELTY PREVENTION.—The ladies in town who belong to the Grand Committee for this Society, are bestirring themselves to see if aught can be done for its fair, and meet at the house of Mrs. Robert Roberts. The other members are Mrs. Barney, Miss Lizzie Sewall and Mrs. Wiggin.

BURGLARY.—For the third time the store of Isaac Fiske has been entered. As Mark Twain's pioneer said when after an earthquake and avalanche on successive nights, a panther came through his tent on the third, —"this is getting to be monotonous." This time the thieves chose a windy night, lighted themselves about with matches, and stole a hundred dollars worth of goods and clothing. Mr. Frank Wight's house was entered Saturday night and the Sunday pot of beans stolen.

W. M. NOTTAGE of Foxboro', County Deputy of the Good Templars, visited the Medfield Lodge officially on the 17th, and gave good advice. This Lodge has excellent literary and musical exercises at its meetings, but they are thinly attended at present.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.—On Wednesday, the 25th, a meeting was held at Curtis Hall. The committee on organization reported that five men to be chosen to receive books and money, bring the matter before the town, and continue to discharge all duties till the trust should be regularly accepted, and trustees legally appointed. Messrs. J. R. Cushman, J. W. Page, J. B. Hale, Isaac Fiske, and Moses Johnson were chosen by ballot.

ERRATA.—In your last issue there appeared several glaring errors, both in grammar and in quotations, which must not, however, be attributed to your correspondents, but rather to an oversight of your proof-reader.

RAILROADS.—The evening train from Framingham has been changed to an express, and passengers are no longer lauded at the depot, though they can get off at the "Know Nothing" station, the crossing of the H. & E. R. R. Sherborn people are specially discommoded by this arrangement.

HALF A DOZEN cases of goods and clothing have been forwarded to Western sufferers.

WARREN CHENERY, ESQ., was buried from his late residence on Thursday, Oct. 26, his pastor, Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, officiating. A large number of persons attended; some could not find admission, and many could not hear the service, as must inevitably be the case when such services are held in private houses.

SCHOOLS.—After the Thanksgiving vacation the schools have re-opened with the exception of the North, which awaits a teacher. In the South, Miss Addie Ellis succeeds her friend Miss Olive Young. Two Medfield ladies are teaching in Sherborn, Miss Ellen Clifford and Miss Emma Rhodes. Miss Sarah Wight remains at her post in Dover. Mr. John Ord is musical instructor in Walpole, using the New Boston System, as it is called.

MARIAN UNION PICNIC. The Sunday schools of the Unitarian denomination in towns in the vicinity of Medfield held a union picnic in Curtis Grove yesterday. A wide and cordial invitation had been extended, and that it was appreciatively accepted is shown by the fact that over fifteen hundred persons took dinner in the grove. All the arrangements were made by a committee consisting of W. H. Baldwin of Boston, J. Mason Everett of Canton, Rev. W. B. Smith of Walpole, and Rev. J. H. Wiggin of Medfield, and their plans were most successfully carried out to the gratification of all. About fifty schools outside of Boston, and many from the city, were represented; all carried their refreshments, and the dining parties were easy and enjoyable.

A meeting was organized at noon, with W. H. Baldwin in the chair, and addresses were made by Rev. Joseph Allen, D. D. of Northborough, Rev. Wm. Brown of Sherburne, Rev. C. S. Locke of Dover, Rev. E. Gifford of West Dedham, Rev. Edmund Squires of Franklin, Rev. S. W. Bush of the Christian Register, Rev. Edward Gerry of Boston, Rev. Miss Mary Graves of Mansfield, Rev. J. H. Allen of Cambridge, Rev. J. H. Wiggin of Medfield, J. Mason Everett of Canton, Nathaniel Allen of West Newton, and others. They were all sparkling, spicy speeches of five minutes each, the general drift being the influence of social meetings on Christians. H. H. Faxon of Quincy sent a letter inclosing two checks of $50 each, to be given to Sunday schools which had not received previous contributions from him. It was decided to award the checks to Sherburne and Medfield. It was voted to hold another picnic in the same place next year, and make it an annual festival hereafter. Nothing occurred to detract from the pleasure of all.

UNITARIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION PICNIC. A Union picnic will be held in Curtis's Grove, Medfield, on Wednesday next, August 2, which promises to be an occasion of great interest. Medfield is easily accessible by railroads from all quarters. The grove, which is not surpassed in its conveniences and attractions by any in the State, is quite near the depots. Arrangements have been made with the different railroads to convey passengers at greatly reduced rates. Parties will please bring their own "baskets." Mr. D. D. Curtis offers the grove at less than the usual rates. Entrance fifteen cents, which includes music for dancing, games, sports, etc. Pastors, officers, teachers, scholars, parents, of the Unitarian Sunday schools and societies "within a thousand miles" of Medfield are all cordially invited to come, either by schools in a body, or in groups, or individually. Should Wednesday be a rainy day the picnic will be postponed until the next pleasant day. A train will leave Boston & Albany Depot at 8 o'clock, returning at 4.30. Further particulars may be obtained of either J. Mason Everett, No. 151 Washington street; Wm. H. Baldwin, 300 Washington street; Rev. W. B. Smith, Walpole, or Rev. J. H. Wiggin, Medfield.

UNITARIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC. The Sabbath school children of Medfield and vicinity, to the number of some 1200, had a splendid time at Curtis's Grove, Medfield, yesterday. Thirty-eight different societies were represented, and the beautiful grove never contained a happier party. After the different trains arrived, the party were assembled in the grove, and Mr. William H. Baldwin, of the committee of arrangements, detailed the programme for the day's pleasure. Dinner was partaken of from twelve to one, most of the number having provided baskets of refreshments for that purpose. A band of music was provided, and several hours of the day were spent by the children in dancing. All the other accessories, such as swings, croquet and other games were at hand, and added to the pleasure of the occasion. A meeting was called at the stand in the afternoon, but not more than half the party could be called from their sports to listen to speech making. Those who did were regaled with short and very happy speeches by Rev. Mr. Gerry, Rev. Mr. Clark of Wincendon, the venerable Rev. Mr. Allen of Northboro', Rev. Mr. Wiggin of Medfield, Rev. Mr. Gifford, Rev. S. W. Bush of the *Christian Register*, Mr. Everett of Canton, Rev. Mr. Brown of Shelburne, Rev. Mary Graves of Mansfield, and others. Mr. William H. Baldwin presided over this pleasant meeting. Of the well known family of Allens in this vicinity, forty-seven were present, including members of the ninth generation. The day's pleasure was complete, and all returned happier for the gathering.

Union Sunday-school Picnic.

The union Sunday-school picnic on Wednesday, August 2d, at Curtis Grove, Medfield, was a large and interesting gathering. The day was all that one could wish, and the successive trains brought their loads, while scores of private carriages lined the road to this beautiful grove. The forenoon was spent in various pastimes, including dancing, until 12 o'clock, when, at the ringing of the bell, the company clustered around the tables—each party bringing its own refreshments. The tables were laid, and every other preparation made by Mr. Curtis. After a little more than an hour spent in this way, the bell again rung and the company collected around the speaker's stand to hear the speaking.

Mr. William H. Baldwin, the chairman of the committee of arrangements, called the meeting to order, and the audience then joined in singing "America." Next followed a series of speeches, opened by Rev. Dr. Allen, of Northborough. He was followed by Rev. Wm. Brown, Rev. Mr. Squires, Mr. N. T. Allen, Rev. Mary Groves, S. W. Bush, Rev. Mr. Gerry, J. Mason Everett, Rev. Messrs. George Clark, C. S. Locke, Joseph H. Allen, E. Gifford, and J. H. Wiggin. The speeches were all brief, and treated of various topics relating to the Sunday-school and the application of liberal ideas of religion to life.

Mr. Baldwin, during the meeting, read a letter from Mr. Faxon, of Quincy, which contained two checks—fifty dollars each, for any such Sunday-schools in Norfolk County as had not already received a like sum from him, which the superintendents present should designate. A rousing vote of thanks to Mr. Faxon for this generous gift was passed. Subsequently the money was voted to the Sunday-schools at Medfield and Sherborn. The various railroads were also thanked.

Rev. Mr. Wiggin stated in his address that thirty-eight schools were represented. The Allen family were out in full numbers, having no less than forty-seven on the ground. Some of them belonged to the ninth generation which had lived on the old family farm.

Although there was a large number present everything passed off in the most pleasant manner. The grove is one of the very best, and the arrangements made for the convenience and enjoyment of the guests were admirable. Needham and Medfield sent the largest delegations. The speaking closed about 3 o'clock, and it was voted that the same committee of arrangements be chosen for the union picnic next year. The rest of the time before the leaving of the trains was spent in dancing and various sports. Every one left with the feeling that the meeting was a great success, and with the hope that another year we should have a still larger Unitarian union Sunday-school picnic.

Unitarian Sunday School Picnic.

A Union Picnic will be held in

CURTIS GROVE, MEDFIELD,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1871.

ADVANTAGES OF THE PLACE.

This excellent grove is situated at the Junction of the Woonsocket Division of the Hartford and Erie, and the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroads. It is easily accessible from all quarters; and on account of the Crossing, all trains on the above roads are obliged by law to stop at the gates.

Parties will bring their own refreshments. Ice cream and Soda for sale on the grounds. The Grove has every convenience; Rooms; Boats; Ice Tank; Swings; Croquet; a covered Hall; Tables; Dishes; Targets and Air-guns; Attendants; Stables; Fountains, &c. Even after heavy rains during the night, the grove is perfectly dry the next day.

RAILROAD FACILITIES.

The Grove lies on the line of the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad, between Mansfield and Framingham.

Passengers on this road carried at *half fare*, from all points. An extra morning Train will leave Mansfield at 8-30, — that is, on arrival of the train which leaves Boston at 7-30; and return in time for connection with the Providence train in the afternoon.

A train leaves Framingham at 10 o'clock, A. M., and at 1-45, P. M. Return at 2-30, and 5-45, P. M.

On the Providence Railroad, for the accomodation of Canton &c., round tickets will be sold to Mansfield and back at the usual price for children, and a third reduction for those over twelve years of age.

On the Hartford and Erie Railroad, connecting with the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad at Walpole, and on the Woonsocket Division, running directly to the grove, — Half Fare.

Train leaves Boston at 8, A. M. Returns at 4-30, P. M.

Return Tickets furnished at the Grove.

ADMISSION TO THE GROVE.

D. D. Curtis Esq., the Proprietor, offers the grove at less than the usual rates.

Entrance, 15 Cents, payable at the gates.

This includes, in addition to all the usual privileges of the grove, a Band of Music for Dancing, and general enjoyment.

There will be a few speeches. Visitors may find it convenient to bring their own dishes, though a good supply is furnished by the proprietor.

Come! officers, teachers, scholars, parents! Let us get acquainted with one another and have a good time!

Even if your school cannot come in a body, we hope to see groups of friends from your society.

Please read this in your school and church July 23, and 30, and let your people know of it generally, and post circulars as you best can.

☞If August 2 is rainy, the Picnic will be postponed until the next pleasant day.

For further particulars address either of the undersigned.

WM. H. BALDWIN, *Boston.*
J. MASON EVERETT, *Canton.*
REV. WM. B. SMITH, *Walpole.*
REV. J. H. WIGGIN. *Medfield.*

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

Wm. S. Tilden of this town is very successful as a teacher of music in the public schools of West Roxbury and Salem. In this latter city his services were recently honored with a handsome gift. The recompense was well deserved, and one of which the recipient may well be proud.

Fire.—The barn on North street, belonging to the Messrs. Dyer, was destroyed by fire at noon on Thursday, July 20. Their house was fortunately saved, though badly scorched. Insurance small. No cause can be assigned, though it was at first believed that the children had been playing with matches in the hay. A horse, calf and pigs were destroyed. The fire was very rapid.

Dr. Mann of New York lost a roll of bills at the Central station the other day. Discovering the loss he telegraphed back to his friends. Though a night had elapsed, and scores of people had traversed the place, the money was found by Mr. Charles Ward, the next day, lying on the ground, where it had been dropped.

Mr. Hamlet Wight had a narrow escape from injury by the fright of his horse at the station, where he was unloading some freight last week.

The Rocky Point excursion last week was well attended by Medfield people last week.

Grove.—The weekly dance on July 20, was attention by a gathering of very respectable people.

Unitarian Sunday School Picnic.—A Union Picnic will be held in Curtis Grove, Medfield, Wednesday, August 2, 1871.

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE.

Mrs. Cromwell, daughter of Mr. Stain, was buried from her father's house on Friday, July 28. She was only 18 years of age, and her sudden death in Foxboro' resulted from a fall in a furniture warehouse there. Mrs. Cromwell was formerly a member of the Orthodox Sunday-school here, and much esteemed by her friends. She leaves an infant only a few days old. The burial services were conducted by Rev. J. M. R Eaton.

Singular Accident to a Horse.—On July 27, a mare belonging to one Welsh sceuted oats which were on the other side of the wall, and leaned over so far that finally she fell upon a harrow near the fence, and badly lacerated her hip with the teeth. By careful attention the wounds are healing.

The Late Excursion.—Such was the eagerness of one cherishing mother to go to "Pint Rock" the other day, that she toted her son and heir half clad to the station, where she clothed him in his bettermost habiliments, leaving the old suit in charge of Mr. Ward till her return.

Runaways.—Two horses belonging to Mr. Dyer ran away last Saturday. They were attached to a wagon, but fortunately no damage was done. On Tuesday Mr. F. Dana Ellis's horse ran rway while carting coal. Result, a wagon wreck.

A Large Irish Picnic from this and the neighboring towns was held at the grove, Aug. 15. Many loads of merrymakers passed through the village. Good order prevailed and no rowdyism.

A Son of Mr. Dennis Hoisington has been injured by a scythe cut, received in climbing upon a hay load.

Mr. Dyer is rebuilding his barn, which was destroyed by fire.

The Dances at the grove are well attended every Thursday evening.

Union Unitarian Picnic at Medfield, August 2d.—The day was perfect. About 1400 people were there; 75 horses were stabled. Many came on foot. Trains were crowded. Ices soon gave out and soda scarcely lasted. W. H. Baldwin presided and gave frequent notices, and called the people together with Mr Hamlet Wight's big bell. At noon groups spread their collations upon the grass and around the tables. 47 Allens were present, to the 9th generation, which has lived at the homestead. In that house King Phillip's Indians once built a fire. Fortunately it was upon a trap-door, which fell through, and the fire died harmlessly away in the cellar beneath. After dinner a large audience assembled for a few speeches. It is impossible to report Mr. Baldwin's inimitable introductions and interludes.

Dr. Allen, the venerable, alluded to the family history.

Rev. Mr. Brown of Sherborn spoke of Temperance.

Nathaniel Allen of West Newton, referred to the progress of free religion which he had noticed in Europe during his recent travels.

Rev. Ed. Squires of Franklin, believed sociability grew with refinement and is part of the glory of immortality.

Rev. S. W. Bush of the *Register*, said we should make others happy.

Rev. E. J. Gerry made a brief speech.

J. Mason Everett of Canton, and Rev. C. S. Locke of Dover, excited the risibles with humorous stories.

Rev. G. F. Clark of Mendon, thought children should be reared *inside* the Kingdom of God.

Rev. Jos. Henry Allen of Cambridge, knew Unitarians chiefly and honored all who were faithful to convictions.

Rev. Marty H. Graves of Mansfield, as a Universalist licentiate, found fraternity among Unitarians. women

Rev. E. Gifford of West Dedham, believed in broadest charity to progressive thought.

Mr. Baldwin gave some extracts from early Medfield history, and then called out the present pastor of the old church, which has entered the third decade of its third century.

Mr. Wiggin, in distributing tickets, had found about forty parishes represented besides those in Boston. After a few stories he closed with moving a vote of thanks, unanimously passed, to the connecting railroads for facilities afforded.

During the speeches, a letter was read from Henry H. Faxon, Esq., of Quincy, enclosing two checks of fifty dollars each for two Unitarian schools in the Conference, not already the recipients of his bounty, to be chosen by superintendents and pastors present. Sherborn and Medfield were the happy schools. Mr. Faxon has just given an entire picnic to his own school in Quincy.

On motion of Mr. A. B. Balch of Medfield, thanks were voted to the generous gentleman. Also it was voted that the same Committee, Messrs. Baldwin, Everett, Smith and Wiggin, get up a similar picnic next year. Dancing and games continued till the locomotive bell summoned to the trains. Rev. Warren H. Cudworth was called for but declined speaking, and Rev. Wm. B. Smith of Walpole, was called away early by a burial.

The Town Hall has grown as high as the roof.

Health. — There are several cases of fever in town.

Curtis & Co. are preparing for an early opening of the Fall term of the straw business. During this year they are to be associated with Messrs. Searle & Dailey of New York, and the business paper bears the heading, "Excelsior Straw Works."

MEDFIELD CORRESPONDENCE

The Messrs. Allen of West Newton have been making some purchases of real estate joining the home farm. This looks as if they would soon begin building, and next year will probably see their school transferred to Medfield. This will be, in many ways, a benefit to the town, and citizens ought to afford every facility for the transfer, and give all possible welcome and encouragement to so fine an enterprise. All hail to Castle Hill, as it will be in 1873.

The Bridge on the Medway road is completed. It has cost $2000. The selectmen deputed one of their number, Mr. Oliver Clifford, to attend to the job, and he has been very faithful in the discharge of his duties. The chips, ends, and *debris* generally, have been sold at auction to various purchasers.

Wm. C. Langley, Esq., of New York, recently passed a few days in town and has gone with his sister and friends on their usual summer trip to the heart of the State, in their private carriage.

Extra Trains run to the Sterling Camp Meeting; but the first on the morning of the 23d arrived at this point with only one or two passengers beside the railway employes.

Many Citizens avail themselves of the cheap round tickets to visit Oak Bluffs and other places on Martha's Vineyard.

Wm. M. Parker, Superintendent of the H. & E. R. R., and family have made a short sojourn at the North end.

The Odd Fellows of neighboring towns held a picnic at Curtis grove on the 22d.

The Guests from Medfield at the opening of the Lowell Branch Railroad on Tuesday, the 22d, were Chas. Hamant, F. Dana Ellis, J. R. Cushman, A. B. Balch and J. B. Hale. J. J. Adams, Esq. was unable to attend though honored with a pass.

J. J. Adams. Esq., is building a stable adjoining his residence in place of the L which has been removed.

The Town Hall is being roofed, and gives promise of great architectural beauty. It is visible from all parts of the town.

A horse belonging to Mr. John Newell ran away on Monday, the 21st, drawing two vehicles. The owner was not in the carriage at the time. but in stopping the horse was slightly injured. In its flight, the team ran over the town pump, and one of the carriages was completely smashed.

The James house is now occupied by Mr. Wilkinson who has recently moved from Connecticut.

Geo. E. Otis, Esq., and wife of Jamaica Plain have been passing a fortnight in the old familiar haunts. Mr. Otis is fast rising in his profession, and is devoted to its interests.

Lyceum Lectures. — A course is to be given in the Unitarian church this fall on the plan of last year, i. e., the profits will be divided among three Sunday-schools of the town in proportion to the season tickets bought in each society. The list is better than last year's, and it is hoped that the receipts will be correspondingly increased. Further particulars next week.

The Schools opened on the 28th. The High school will be larger than last term. Miss Packard succeeds Mrs. Hixon, (now Mrs. Ware of Medway,) in the lower central school.

Mr. Henry Fowle of Boston, who died recently, was well known and much esteemed in Medfield, where he passed the summer of '69 and '70 in the family of Mr. Henry Wight.

One gentleman declares he must be set down as a veritable Rip Van Winkle. He intended to drive to Parker's stable the other day, but found himself *vis-a-vis* with the new Town Hall.

MEDFIELD.

INDEPENDENCE.—There was no public celebration of July 4th. The usual clangor at sunrise was omitted out of consideration for the sick. "For this relief, much thanks."

We regret that one aged and sick lady was greatly disturbed by the cannon very near her house. In this operation Mr. James Bell, a young man, caught his clothes afire, and was burned in the face, though not very seriously. A dozen persons went over to the "Woman's Rights" Picnic at Framingham grove. The occasion was very pleasant. Lucy Stone presided. Addresses were made by Mrs. Livermore, Doctress Jackson, Rev. Geo. W. Stacey, Rev. Jesse H. Jones, Charles W. Slack, Mrs. Campbell, Stephen C. Foster, Mr. Dawes, and others. A short speech by Mr. Wiggin roused the antagonism of Mrs. Abby Kelly Foster, who replied forcibly. Several of the speakers maintained that women were greatly superior to men. Mr. Foster was ashamed of being a man. At the close, Mrs. Livermore begged the audience to observe that it was the *men*, not the *women*, who had said such foolish things about female superiority; woman only claimed equality.

In the evening Mr. D. D. Curtis had a ball at his grove, which was well attended by people from all quarters.

THE MEDWAY BRIDGE is being repaired, and travel will be interrupted for a few weeks.

THE SCHOOLS have closed for the summer. The examinations were good. At the High School the exercises were *very* satisfactory. The compositions were arranged into four manuscript journals, from which selections were read. Examinations, conducted by the pupils, gave clear proof of progress. The drawing-books and pictures on the boards showed well for that department. The chairman of the Committee, Rev. C. C. Sewall, spoke and offered a closing prayer. The department was specially good. In the Primary School, Mrs. Hixon received a parting gift of a silver pitcher and butter-knife. Mrs. H. leaves us permanently. Her place is to be filled by Miss Packard, who has succeeded finely in the South District, and now aspires lawfully to a higher salary in the Centre. The High School teachers, Mr. Parker and Miss Dyer, continue through the year. There are many children who ought to be in the school who have not yet entered.

THE WALPOLE UNITARIAN Sunday-school held a picnic in Curtis' Grove on Saturday, July 1st. The children had a good time, for which they were largely indebted to Mr. Cram, who is so active in all departments of the society. Extra trains over the M. & F. R. R. transported the company. Prices charged are too high.

THE BROOKLINE UNITARIANS were prevented from holding a picnic here by an important death in their Sunday-school.

ACCIDENTS.—Mr. Quirk has been injured by a fall. Mr. George Allen has been badly poisoned with ivy. Mr H. B. Bruce has been injured by falling from a load of hay.

GROVE.—The Taunton Unitarians held a picnic on Wednesday, the 12th. Rev. Messrs. Brigham, Israel, and Wiggin were present, and also Mr. Jacob Searle of New York and Wm. H. Baldwin, Esq. On Thursday, the customary ball took place in the evening.

The Band from Medway had a party on Wednesday, the 19th; and on Thursday, 20th, came a parish from Newton Center.

TRAINS.—The new Summer Arrangement on the H. & E. is as follows:—

Inward from Medfield — Stage leaves Village at 6 3-4, 9, and 4. Cars leave depot at 7-5, 9-20, and 4-30.

Outward.—Trains leave Boston and Albany depot at 8, 3-30, and 5-10. These hours are very convenient.

SUICIDE.—How contagious it is! The papers record the death of a young woman in Lawrence, by arsenic taken under the influence of disappointment, "Reeny," as she was familiarly called, was the eldest daughter of Mr. Thorn who recently moved from Medfield. Those who were her schoolmates here can scarcely believe the report.

MR. JOHN KINGSBURY has moved into Mr. John Jones' house for the season.

MR. GEO. MILLER, on South street, was recently bruised considerably by falling from the scaffolding of the barn.

NEW STREET SIGN AND GUIDE BOARDS are a public convenience as well as improvement.

TWO HORSES, belonging, one to William Hewins and the other to A. B. Balch, died suddenly last Friday with colic.

THE BRICK WALLS of the new Town Hall are beginning to make a show.

BURGLARY.—Isaac Fiske's store was entered Saturday night through the desk window, and robbed of money, clothes and cigars. A neighbor, late at night, saw a light in the shades of the Orthodox church. It is possible that a timely alarm would have detected the rogue.

A JOINT COMMITTEE from Churches, Post and Lodge, is arranging for the 4th of July Union Celebration at the Grove.

RAILROADS.—It is to be regretted that the condition of the H. & E. R. R., will not allow cars for the usual excursion trains this summer, but accommodations can be had over the B. C. & F. for parties wishing the Grove. The mails still go by the new route, Mansfield and Framingham, to the manifest inconvenience of everybody except the Corporation. The convenience for passengers by this line is very great. One can leave Medfield at 7 1-2 in the morning, and, by crossing the village at Marlboro reach points on the Boston and Fitchburg road at 10. Returning trains reaching Marlboro from Boston at 4 1-2, are in good season for the evening train along this route. Prices still continue an obstacle to travel—five cents a mile; 30 cents to Sherborn, &c., are the rates, and drive many to the other road. Moreover, at present no package tickets are sold and the fare to Boston, via either Mansfield and Framingham, is 15 cents higher than by the other route, including Wheeler's stage.

MRS RUTH WARE, wife of Mr. Harmon Ware, died at the house of her daughter, Mrs. Fred White, in Dover, Friday, June 16th, of heart disease and resulting complications. Mrs. Ware had nearly reached her threescore and ten years. Her body was brought to Medfield for interment on Monday, the 19th. The deceased was connected with the Baptist Society; but in the absence of a pastor, the funeral was attended by Rev. J. M. R. Eaton of the Orthodox Church, which took place at her residence on South street.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday Mrs. George Davis, in driving chickens from the garden, tripped over a croquet wicket and broke her arm besides receiving other injuries. Croquet hoops are decidedly dangerous in the grass.

CHURCH OF THE UNITY PICNIC. — The people of Mr. Schermerhorn's Society came out to Curtis Grove for their annual good time, on Wednesday, June 21. Wm. H. Baldwin headed the affair. Trains came via Mansfield. There was some singing, a little speaking, plenty of games, grub and races. Notwithstanding the rain of the night before, the place was perfectly dry. It is improved from last year and there is no better place for picnics.

FOURTH OF JULY.—On account of the expense, the committee of twenty has decided not to be on independent this year in a Picknickian way; much to the disappointment of many.

MR. ELMAN MASON'S family leave this week for the Green Mountain State, where they will spend the Summer, the Badlwins occupying the Mason house. We shall miss them from home and Church.

J. J. ADAMS and household have arrived for the Summer, and Mr. Adams already is planning public improvements.

MEDFIELD.

The First Grand Concert of the Medfield Choral Union was given Monday evening, May 1, 1870, and consisted of ESTHER, THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN, with the following personations:—

Esther, the Queen.—Soprano—Miss Ollve Young.
Ahasuerus, King of Persia and Media—Base—Mr. Albert Stone.
Haman, Overseer of the Realm — Baritone—Mr. George Bigelow.
Zeresh, Haman's wife — Alto — Miss Mariana Smith.
Mordecai—Tenor—Mr. J. Ord, Jr.
Queen's First Maid of Honor—Mordecai's sister—Soprano—Miss Addie Ellis.
Prophetess—Soprano—Miss Ella Allen.
Zeresh's Maid of Honor—Alto—Miss May Eveleth.
Harbonah—Tenor—Mr. F. L. Babcock.
Pianist—Wm. R. Smith
Reader—Rev. J. H. Wiggin.
Director—J. Ord, Jr.

The performance was a brilliant success. The house was filled to overflowing, some three hundred tickets being sold. The ladies were arrayed in white, but the gentlemen were not uniformly attired. The general effect was very excellent. The singing was very good. Miss Young, who is a pupil of the Conservatory, sang with great force and clearness. Mr. Stone sang Ahasuerus with great spirit, and his voice and execution have constantly improved during the rehearsals. Indeed, this is true of all the singers. Miss Allen executed the difficult air, "Lo o'er the wicked," finely. Miss Smith gave the alto air, "Why should this Hebrew vex my Lord," in an unusually pure quality of tone and with some dramatic power. "Do I wake or am I dreaming?" the last quartette elicited deserved applause, though it hardly came up to its rendition in some rehearals. The air, "Behold there waiting stands," was very sweetly given in Frank Babcock's tenor voice. John Ord, Jr., sung Mordecai remarkably well, and was specially strong in the concerted parts. The chorus did well with the exception of a few passages, where they lacked the courage to begin promptly. The best sung chorus was, perhaps, "Israel for thee do we tremble." The piano accompaniment, by Mr. Smith, was adjusted to a nicety. Great credit is due to Mr. Ord for his indefatigable efforts in getting this Oratorio into shape. He has been ably seconded by Mr. Bigelow, not to mention the voiceless who have given their time and labor. Both musical taste and the social spirit will be greatly benefited by this artistic effort, and there are more such concerts in store for the future.

The attendance on *Tuesday* evening was small but the Oratorio, according to some critics, was better sung. Miss May Eveleth was too ill to appear and Mrs. George Hamant sung the alto air. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Wiggin. Mr. Parker, the High School teacher, read the Scripture selections.

Town Meeting was held May 2d; B. F. Shumway in the chair.

Voted, not to allow the sale of beer, &c. in the town. Voted that Green street be widened. Voted not to appropriate fifty dollars for the expenses of decoration day. Voted that the land whereon the engine house now stands be left open after the building be removed for public ground. The Selectmen made some general remarks about the proposal of Medway that the towns unite in building an iron bridge between the towns. No action taken.

ROBBERY.—On Thursday, April 27, while the M. & F. Station agent, Mr. Ward, was absent at dinner, the ticket window was broken and the office rifled of thirty dollars. Mr. Ward was only away forty minutes, and had not been gone ten minutes when D. D. Curtis chanced to call at the depot and observed the fractured glass, so that the thief must have entered as soon as the building was left vacant. Suspicion fell upon an unknown man who about that time was seen walking up the track.

Mr. Caleb Hamant also reports some losses about his premises.

THE CHORAL UNION held another meeting Saturday evening last. The report of the Committee on constitution was accepted. All singers are eligible, on approval by the executive committee. Fee for man, one dollar; woman, half that sum. John Ord, Jr., was chosen Director; Fred. H. Barney, Secretary; Geo. Bigelow, Treasurer; Frank L. Babcock, Librarian; W. Russell Smith, Pianist; Dr. Richardson, Rev. J. Babcock, W. R. Smith, Executive Committee. Over thirty names are already upon the list.

HIGH SCHOOL.— This institution prospers. A cabinet organ has been purchased for it of Messrs. Mason and Hamblin. The Messrs. Mason, father and son, always interested in their old town, gave three-sevenths of the price, the citizens subscribing a hundred dollars. The department of the school is remarkably good, and the scholars are becoming both spirited and accurate in their exercises.

TOWN MEETING.—A special session was called for Monday, May 22. The only article was about the building of an iron bridge, in conjunction with Medway, over Charles River, It was immediately dismissed and the meeting adjourned.

DECORATION DAY is to be on the 30th, here as elsewhere. The Medfield Band is engaged at Natick for that day. J. Q. A. Brackett of Boston is to be the orator. Rev. J. H. Wiggin has been invited to be President of the day. Original hymns have been proposed.

MEDFIELD.

Town Meeting was held, as usual, on the first Monday in March at noon. The warrant was read. Isaac Fiske was chosen Moderator. Rev. J. H. Wiggin offered prayer. H. J. Everett was re-elected Clerk. The other town officers were changed almost to a man, several different printed tickets being in the field.

Selectmen and Assessors.—B. F. Shumway, Oliver Clifford, J. B. Hale.

Overseers.—Messrs. Clifford and Hale, with Elijah Thayer, chairman.

Treasurer.—Isaac Fiske, re-elected.

Collector.—Martin Bailey; given to the lowest bidder at three fourths per cent. Re-elected.

Constable.—John E. Bullard. Later, from some necessity of the law, stated by James Hewins Esq., Chas. Hamant was also chosen Constable again.

On the *School Committee*, James Hewins, Esq., who has for some weeks filled a vacancy, was chosen for three years, and the number reduced from six members to three, as previous to the last year. Rev. C. C. Sewall and H. J. Everett are the others.

Surveyors.—N. P. Bruce, Geo. M. Fiske, re-elected; G. W. Kingsbury, S. F. Turner, Francis Wright, Chas. H. Russell, re-elected.

Undertaker.—B. J. Babcock.

Fire Wards.—J. R. Cushman, J. B. Hale, U. F. Bullard, re-elected.

Field Drivers.—D. D. Curtis, D. D. Hamant, Wm, Marshall.

Fence Viewers.—C. T. Frost, J. C. Dyer, A. B. Parker.

Pound Keeper.—Geo. D. Hamant, re-elected.

Messrs. C. Hamant, J. R. Cushman, and Samuel Ellis acted as Committee on Estimates; and the following items were voted by the meeting:—General Expenses, $4000; highways, $1300; after same debate by Messrs. Hale, Hamant and Sherman, schools, $2000. This is six hundred dollars more than last year, and evinces—though there was no talk about it—the determination of the citizens to have the High School with an assistant to make it succeed, and maintain larger primary schools in the districts. The School Fund and State Aid are added to this sum, and the four schools can thus be properly supported. Interest, as usual, is to be added to the unpaid taxes, and a proposition to discount for *prompt* payment was lost.

C. Hamant, J. R. Cushman, and Jas. Hewins were made Trustees of School Fund.

To C. Hamant, Alonzo B. Parker, and Martin Bailey was assigned the care of the cemetery. S. Ellis was appointed auditor. The jury list was read and approved. The hiring of a poor-house keeper was left to the Board. A bounty of one dollar was voted for rattlesnakes not killed on Sunday, on motion of J. R. Cushman. The Treasurer was empowered to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. After a spirited discussion, preceded by a statement of admirable clearness from Chas. Hamant, Esq., it was voted, rather than incur the expense of a lawsuit, to pay the Messrs. Stain $150. for damages alleged to have been sustained by the laming of his horse by an unquestionably defective bridge. It was voted not to procure a new hearse at present. The Trustees of the Chenery Fund, Messrs. Hamant and Fiske, made very clear statements of its affairs. $23,500, its amount, would not enable them to build the Town Hall according to the plans accepted, the architects having exceeded the limits of their instructions. Rather than have the building dismantled of its ormentation the town unanimously voted an appropriation of $2500, payable in five annual instalments, to finish and furnish the Town Hall. This places $26,000 at the disposal of the Trustees, and if the Portland builders can bring their terms to that figure, the work will at once be entered upon. The Town Officers were also empowered to dispose of the old engine house and land, when the new one shall be provided. After a few unimportant items and the usual absurd legal swearing, the meeting adjourned. The attendance was very large, and the town showed no disposition to go backward. We have had the common overturn of office holders, and some changes made without sufficient reason; but the new incumbents are among our best men, and Medfield will go on in her accustomed way rejoicing.

MORTALITY.—Mr. Elhakim Morse, who has been for some time a great sufferer with paralysis and heart disease, died on the 16th of May, at early morning. The funeral services were performed by Rev. J. M. R. Eaton. Mr. Morse was an unmarried man, a part of whose business life had been passed elsewhere, but his home was with his parents, where he breathed his last. Friends and neighbors have shown their sympathy in practical ways.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Mr. Samuel Greene and wife celebrated their fiftieth anniversary of marriage on Saturday last, holding a reception in the afternoon. Mr. Green is more familiarly known as "The Governor." Both himself and wife are old residents of the town and universally respected for their frugality, industry and worth. Moreover they are the only people of African blood in the place. The occasion was very interesting. There were golden oranges, golden lumps of butter, golden coins and golden ornaments. There were letters from Rev. Messrs. Richmond and Bigelow, former pastors of the family, and one from a son of the venerable Lowell Mason, enclosing fifty dollars. The wedding cake, with doves billing and cooing thereon, was from Mrs. Mary Derby. Several ladies assisted in relieving the family of care; Mrs. Gershom Adams doing the honors in conjunction with Miss Addie Moore. Rev. J. R. Eaton, the pastor, read very appropriate Scriptures, made a few remarks, read a poem by Rev. Ray Palmer, and offered prayer, and called upon Rev. Mr. Wiggin, who also said a word of congratulation. In the evening some of the young folks paid their respects to the aged couple. In all, the greenbacks were piled up to nearly $200.

HOUSE WARMING.—The members of the Unitarian society thronged the renovated house of their pastor, on Wednesday evening last, and gave the family a joyous surprise-party. The ladies speedily took possession of the kitchen, and prepared an abundant repast for seven scores of people, who filled all the lower rooms. Prayer was offered by Mr. Wiggin. Miss Curtis of Boston Highlands, played the piano. Mr. G. Bigelow led the crowd in familiar tunes. Mr. Moses Hartshorn took the minister into a solitary side-room, and presented him with an envelope containing over one hundred and forty dollars, the generous gift of kind friends.

Charles Hamant, Esq., Chairman of the Parish Committee, arraigned Mr. and Mrs. Wiggin, and, in a few cordial words, tapped the preacher for a speech. Mr. Wiggin responded briefly, thanking all present for their testimonials of regard, bestowed, not at the beginning of his ministry, but after a few years experience of it. He spoke also of the uninterrupted harmony of his relations with the parish, and expecially with the gentlemen who are or have been its office-bearers; and alluded to the little hints he had detected of a pleasant time coming, though such a large and glad gathering was unexpected. In conclusion he referred to the kind endorsement which his efforts had received from the parishioners, and hoped that his enlarged residence would be the scene of many a social assembly. Substantial contribution to the larder were deposited in pantry and cellar, and some beautiful personal gifts were left upon the side-board. At 10 1-2 o'clock the friends sang themselves away with "Old Hundred." The evening was specially propitious, and a party more genial and free from the burden of social restraint is seldom gathered in any village. Young and old shared the glee of the festive hour.

SCHOOLS.—The Central Primary held its examination on Friday last. The Chairman of the Committee, Rev. C. C. Sewall, was absent, attending to his duty as House Chaplain. Charles Hamant, Esq., the only member of the Committee present, presided and addressed the school. The reading of the little folks was very distinct and telling, and the copy books unusually clean. The recitations were especially appropriate. The exercises closed with brief remarks and prayer by the Unitarian minister.

A DANCE was held in Curtis' Hall, Thursday evening, March 2d. The weather this week has been very favorable for evening gatherings, and the moonlight very unexceptionable.

ACCIDENT.—A little boy four years old, the son of Mr. Thomas Clarke, at the south part of the town, was run over last week by a heavy team, laden with wood and grain. His little sister had, in a childlike way, hurried him out of the wagon in which they had been riding, and said "go ahead!" so loud that the horses heard and suddenly started. The wheel passed over the breast and side of the little fellow. The next day he was able to be out, though he has not been so well since. The escape from death was very narrow. The occurrence has been the cause of peculiar grief to the neighbor who owned and drove the team, but was powerless to prevent the accident.

REV. MR. KNOWLTON of West Medway, preached by exchange at the Orthodox church last Sunday.

"ESTHER."—This Oratorio of Bradbury's will be sung at the Baptist church on Monday evening, May day, with the following cast:—

Queen Esther, Olive Young; Maid of Honor, Addie Ellis; Zeresh, Marianna Smith; her Maid, Mary Eveleth; Prophetess, Ella Allen; Mordecai, John Ord; Haman, Geo. Bigelow; King Ahasuereus, Albert M. Stone; Harbonah, Frank Babcock. W. R. Smith, Pianist; John Ord, Director; Reader, J. H. Wiggin.

NARROW ESCAPE.—The wife of Mr. John Newell had been calling upon Mrs. Noah Allen on Friday, April 21, and was stepping into her carriage when the horse broke from her and ran away. Her two little boys were in the wagon. One was thrown out but not injured. The youngest rode along gleefully, knowing no danger, till the team brought up at Mr. Henry Harding's, a half-mile away. Mr. Newell promptly sold the horse, having due regard to the safety of his household.

I. O. OF G. T.—D. G. W. C. T. Albert M. Stone installed the officers of Medfield Union Lodge on Tuesday evening last: Chief Bennett Wilson; Vice, Lydia Walley; Secretary, B. J. Babcock; Assistant, Miss Colburn; Chaplain, Lowell Woods; Marshal, Frank Babcock; Deputy, Miss Tisdale; Financial Secretary, Frank Brown; Treasurer, Carrie Winship; Outside Guard, Chas. Wight; Inside Guard, Lucy Swan.

WM. H. BALDWIN, President of the Boston Young Mens' Christian Union, is coming to Medfield with his family this summer. They will take the residence of Elman Mason, Esq., for the season. Two years ago Mr. Baldwin spent the summer here, and greatly benefitted the town by his presence.

CHORAL UNION.—On Friday evening, May 12, a meeting was held at the Baptist Vestry, and a committee appointed to arrange for the future, and prepare a Constitution. The Committee is composed of Dr. Richardson, John Ord, Jr., B. J. Babcock, Mary E. Sewall, Mrs. Mary Turner, and Mrs. George Chenery. An adjourned meeting will be held Saturday evening, May 20.

TOWN HALL.—The foundations are being strongly laid.

MR. CHAS. ADAMS and family of New York are to live at the homestead this summer. Welcome!

MR. REED of the Newton Theological School occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday.

The annual collection for the Denominational Sunday-school Society was taken at the Unitarian Church last Sunday.

MR. JAMES HEWINS, ESQ., has just opened a law office in Framingham, an auxiliary to his Boston office.

THE LAST UNITARIAN DOCTRINAL LECTURE will be given next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Subject—Unity of Faith, Religion and the church.

DECORATION DAY.—On Thursday evening, May 4, a meeting was called at the Grand Army Room. So few were present that the meeting adjourned till Saturday, when A. B. Balch, Jas. Hewins, Geo. Bigelow, J. B. Hale, Isaac Fiske and Clinton Frost were chosen a committee to confer with the Post Committee in reference to the celebration appointed for May 30th.

[illegible] Templars [illegible] Friday [illegible] Lodge [illegible] Lizzie [illegible] Woods; [illegible] Grand Jas. [illegible]; [illegible] Financial Secretary. [illegible] Banks, Frank Babcock Recorder [illegible] Lodge has requested the appointment of Albert S. Stone as Deputy Grand Deputy for the ensuing year.

G. A. R.—Moses Ellis Post having leased MacMillan's hall over his shop, now holds its sessions fortnightly. The officers for 1871 are as follows: Commander, George M. Fiske; Wm. Crane, Senior Vice; Jas. Griffin, Junior Vice; John Ord, Adjutant; Cyrus Strong, Chaplain; Chas. Bailey, Sergeant; Pascal C. Grover, Quarter Master; Wm. F. Guild, Sergeant Major; Geo. H. Shuttuck, Q. M. Serg't.; Wm. B. Goldsmith, Officer of Day; David Mahey, Officer of the Guard. Commander Fiske recently read a biography of his predecessor, H. J. Daniels, Esq.

B. F. Crehore, & Co., the purchasers of the stone factory on the Dedham road have moved into town and commenced operations. It is understood that Phinea[illegible] will resume business at Charles River Village. He still receives and supplies orders for paper machines.

Geo. H. Ellis, manager of the "Christian Register," has bought the double brown house on North street, occupied heretofore by Messrs. Green and Brown, and has already moved into it. We welcome Mr. Ellis to a permanent residence in town.

N. Frank Harding, another Medfield boy, some time ago bought the old house opposite Nathan Harding's residence, and it is understood that he also will soon move into town. Mr. H is a joiner by trade and has been living in Grantville. So the natives of Medfield return to "her shores," and the hopes deepen that the Allens will move from Newton hither and establish their school. Nathaniel Allen is expected home from Europe in the Spring.

Westward Ho!—Messrs. Geo. L. Dodge and Charles Dyer have just returned from a Southern trip. They have purchased one hundred acres of woodland on the Chattanooga river, Tennessee, and this week have started West with their families. These men are industrious and enterprising, and there is no doubt of their success in their new home. God speed their Yankee thrift and notions.

Dr. Chaplain of Boston, occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday.

The Good Templars held a public meeting on Tuesday evening, March 14. Rev. F. T, George of Mill Village, was to make the address, but for the second time he disappointed the Lodge. The time was, however, well occupied with speeches, recitations, songs, and readings by members, and a short discussion on the proposed changes in the present liquor law in the legislature.

Coterie.—There will be one of these assemblies at Curtis Hall, on Friday evening, March 24. Mr. David Wilson will give another Magic Lantern exhibition with seventy-five new views, and the young people are preparing a play. Not only members of the Unitarian congregation, but all others, are cordially invited. Adults 10 cents. Children under ten, five cents. Volunntary entertainment welcome as usual.

The New Selectmen, in consonance with the practice of just rulers in all ages, have appointed regular times for meetings, when the plaints of citizens may be heard and decisions made and accounts adjusted. Time, every Saturday evening. Place, J. B. Hale's office.

Rowdyism. — A group of young men gathered at the corner of Janes avenue, last Tuesday evening, and greatly annoyed the ladies in the neighborhood by shouting, singing, pounding the house, and using of obscene language. It is time for the Selectmen to appoint the anticipated police.

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High School.—Mr. Louis Marvell has resigned his position of master, and at a meeting of the committee on Friday evening the resignation was accepted. Mr. Marvell has endeavored faithfully to discharge his duties, and is personally much liked. The school, however, has been too large and has included many scholars too young for such an institution. Sixty-five names were on the list. The school will not be reopened till after Town-meeting. Medfield ought to have a successful school of this grade. Some dissatisfaction has been felt with the shortness of the terms of the primary schools in the outer district.

Unitarian Coterie.—At Curtis hall on Friday eve., Feb. 17, Mr. David Wilson, of the famous Cambridge printing house, exhibited with a fine magic lantern about a hundred pictures, including scenes from Scripture, statuary, comicalities, landscapes and portraits. The hall was crowded and the profit given to the needy. The fee being very small, of course the surplus from these gatherings is not large, but their purpose is social rather than financial.

Accident.—Two weeks ago, Miss Aliee Hamant, daughter of Chas. Hamant, Esq., fell on the ice in front of Chandler's store on Winter street, Boston, and both fractured and sprained her ankle. She was taken up insensible and carried to the residence of Mr. Cate in South Boston, where she remained ten days till well enough to return to her home.

Breakage.—Mr. Simeon Richardson's horse, while driven on Monday by James Bussey, kicked in the traces and broke the shafts and injured the carriage. All this occurred near the post-office.

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Town Hall.—Affairs in connection with this long-talked-of edifice, have changed form. Owing to the decline in the price of building materials, the architects' estimates come much nearer to the sum at the disposal of the trustees, under the will of the late Mr. Geo. Chenery, than last autumn. Larger funds are needed, however, to build according to the plan selected; and in the warrant for Town Meeting there is an article to see if the citizens will cede to the trustees the old engine-house and grounds, in consideration of the new engine accommodations under the proposed hall, or make any other appropriations for that purpose.

Messrs. Crehore & Co.—We are glad to learn that this new firm is doing a good business at the stone shop, and that orders for paper machines come in faster than skilled helpers can be found. Mr. Crehore's family and Mr. Cunningham are additions to both the social and musical elements of our town.

Farm for Sale.—The place belonging to the estate of the late Gershom Adams is offered for sale by his widow. It has been long in the family, and Mr. and Mrs. Adams, in 1868, celebrated their golden wedding there. It is a very desirable place for some enterprising farmer.

Private School.—Mr. Louis Marvell has opened a private school in MacMillan's hall with over twenty scholars.

A Writing School has also begun its evening sessions in the same place.

Mistake.—Letters are often sent to *Medford* instead of *Medfield*, and the Medford P. M. does not always detect the blunder very speedily, but lately the Boston papers recorded an arrest in the former town instead of the latter. Of *such* journalistic errors our citizens make no complaint. Mefordd is welcome to the credit of our short record of crimes.

Rev. Mr. Filmer of South Framingham preached on exchange in the Baptist Church last Sunday.

Attempted Suicide.—A tragedy startled our quiet town on Friday last. Mr. Abner Wenzell, who was formerly a teacher here, but has for a year been engaged in the practice of law in Marlboro, was staying at the house of his step-father-in-law, Mr. John Mason, with his wife and infant child. He had been in low spirits for a few days. On the morning after Fast he came down as usual and greeted the household. Being subsequently missed, his wife found him lying wounded by the wood block behind the house. He had shot himself several times in the lungs and head with a revolver, which he had apparently reloaded, as there were certainly eight wounds, and three barrels remained undischarged. Drs. Richardson of Medfield and Stone of Walpole were summoned and pronounced recovery doubtful. At the present writing, after a lapse of five days, Mr. Wenzell is stronger and brighter and may recover.

Real Estate.—John Kingsbury has sold his place on Zion's Lane, near the Centre school, to Edmund T. Everett of Wrentham. Mrs. Everett is a native of Medfield and is joyfully welcomed back again, and Mr. Everett is a decided addition to the citizenship of the place. D. D. Curtis has bought of Warren Plympton a bit of land at the railroad junction, lying adjacent to his mill and grove. Augustus Fritts has moved into the house belonging to Robert Roberts, Esq., on Main street, and Mr. Grover into the building owned and partly occupied by Mrs. Lovering on the same street. Tenements are in great demand and there is a rumor of some new houses to be put up this season.

War Panorama.—A series of pictures was exhibited at Curtis Hall on Wednesday evening, April 5th. On the whole the exhibition was a good one, though some of the pictures are much worn and the figures not always well proportioned. The lecturing was very well done, but would have been improved by a lower register of voice. Audience small.

Schools.—All the schools have now opened. The High School has been in session two weeks under the charge of of W. S Parker and Miss Dyer, with only half the scholars of last term. Miss Packard teaches in the South section and Miss Winship in the North. Some confusion was created on the 8th inst. by the arrival of both mistresses for the same school, but the mistake was speedily rectified. Rev. C. C. Sewall, who has for many years been an efficient friend of the public schools, is still at his post as chairman of the committee.

Rev. David Sanford of Medway, preached by exchange at the Orthodox Church last Sunday.

The Baptist Pulpit was again occupied by Rev. Mr. Peck.

The Greenhouse belonging to Mr. J. W. Page is just now in delightful bloom, and the ladies find it a capital place to purchase plants.

Rev. C. C. Sewall, since the death of his life-long and tried friend, Rev. J. M. Merrick, has supplied his former pulpit in Charleston, N. H.

John J. Adams, Esq., of New York, was in town last week, and expects soon to come with his family for the summer.

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Fair.—The young people connected with the Orthodox Society, held a Festival on Thursday, April 13. It was well attended in the evening, and the goods were readily disposed of. An astonishing amount of ice-cream disappeared. The "Sweet tooth" for candy was not so well "cut" as usual. The house that Jack built, the latest form of a grab-box, did a good business, and so did the fish Pond. The occasion was very social. J. W. Page guessed the big cake. The receipts were in the neighbourhood of one hundred and fifty dollars. The members of the Sewing Circle, though not numerous, are entitled too great credit for their perseverance.

Town Hall.—This is the universal theme. Men are busy digging the cellar, as this part of the work the Trustees agreed to do, and getting ready for the advent of the contractors.

Nathan Jones, Esq., who for many years held responsible official positions in this county, died at his residence in Medfield, on Thursday evening, Dec. 8th, at the age of 84. He had been in feeble health for several years. Mr. Jones was, we believe, a native of Medway, where the active years of his life were passed. His business was mainly that of a farmer, but the sound judgment shown by him called him into public life at an early age. He filled nearly all the various town offices in Medway, was for several years a Deputy Sheriff, and in 1841 was elected Special Commissioner for this county, which position he held for 5 years, when he was chosen as one of the Board of County Commissioners, a position which he accepted for 7 successive years, retiring in 1854. About 12 years ago he removed from East Medway to Medfield, where he resided until his death. He married the daughter of Ezra Richardson of Medway, and the sister of Hon. Joseph L. Richardson, by whom he had four children, but one of whom, John P. Jones, Esq., of Medfield, survives. Mrs. Jones died about two sears ago.

The deceased was an exemplary citizen and a faithful and conscientious officer. *

An Incident.—A young lady of this village lost a gold pencil ou Winter street, Boston, a few weeks ago. A few hours later she happeued into Fera's saloon to luuch. She missed the pencil and spoke of it. An Irish girl, who was there dining, hearing the inquiry, asked some questions for identification, produced the lost property and would take no reward. She had found the pencil soon after it was dropped.

Butter.—A large lot came from Vermont not long since. The station agent ou the M. & F. Road was absent. The firkins were placed in the passenger rooms to keep warm. Result—Several hundred weight of "frowy" butter was fitter for the cauldron than the table. Whose fault is it? That is what the owners want to know.

Imposter.—A fellow pretending to be deaf and dumb has been about getting money from the charitable; but finished operations by stealing a coat from a gentleman's entry.

The Orthodox Sunday-school has of late been busy distributing Pilgrim memorial medals.

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G. A. R.—The Christmas fair for the benefit of the Post was held by the courtesy of J. B. Hall, Esq., in the New England Straw Building, on Thursday and Friday, December 22d and 23d. The arrangements for checking garments and providing refreshments were very excellent. An afghan was won by Mrs. Mary Davis of Boston. Mr. David Plympton drew the big doll with her wondrous outfit, made by Miss Addie Moore. Mr. MacMilliau guessed right on the cake, fourteen and three quarter pounds. The sofa pillow was voted to the widow of H. J. Daniels, the late commander of the Post. The Bible was voted to the Post in preference to any pulpit. In the upper room songs from male voices were sung and tableaux displayed, under the management of Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Grover, Miss Moore, and others, with a change of programme the second night. On that night also came Mr. Clinton Frost as Santa Claus, with dime gifts for the little folks. The usual shooting-gallery and fish-pond were open. The whole affair was well arranged and over $30.00 cleared for the benevolent fund. The Misses Sewall were especially active in the work. Before the fair opened, the guess cake was purchased of [illegible] by the young men, and presented to Mr. Hall, as an expression of gratitude for the use of his building, lighted and heated; for the place did much to make the affair a success.

East Medway.—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Richardson, of East Medway, celebrated their Silver Wedding on Friday, Dec. 30th. A large number of friends from Boston and elsewhere were present, and many useful gifts, including sundry piles of greenbacks, lay upon the piano. The presentation speech was made in the evening by their pastor, Mr. Wiggin, of Medfield, who spoke of the sacrament of marriage and significance of the anniversary, and made some humorous allusions to persons and things present. The whole affair passed off very happily.

Mrs. Rebecca Draper Woods died on the day after Christmas and was buried on the following Wednesday from the house of D. D. Hamant, which for some years had been her home. She was a member of the Orthodox church, and Rev. J. R. Eaton officiated. Mrs. Woods was a sister of the late Daniel Draper of Boston. She had reached the advanced age of 85 years, and during the last months was in a partially unconscious condition. In her long feebleness she received the kindest care from Mrs. Hamant, upon whom her comfort so much depended.

Correction.—The G. A. R. Fair did not have all its trouble for only thirty dollars, as your compositor had it last week. On the contrary, over three hundred dollars were netted for the charity fund.

Mr. Ricker, who resided on the Dedham road where it coalesces with Dover, has removed his family into Middlesex county. Mr. R. is a machinist and for some time his work has necessitated constant and prolonged absences from his family. Hence this removal.

Boarding House.—Once more can Medfield accommodate the passing stranger. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gilmore from Mercer, Maine, have moved into it. Mrs. G. is a sister of the proprietor, D. D. Curtis, Esq. The house has been improved by a furnace, an L, paint and paper.

Auction.—Tuesday, Jan. 3d, witnessed a busy scene at the Baptist parsonage when the household goods of Rev. A. W. Carr were sold by Charles Hamant, Esq. The articles brought low prices.

H. & E. R. R.—This road has resumed its old hours, and three trains each way daily, to the satisfaction of the citizens of this town. Hours:

In—7, 9, 4.

Out—8½, 4¾.

Births.—Last week witnessed the advent into this place of three new souls; daughters to James Hewins, Esq., and Mr. Henry Parker; and a son to Mr. Stain.

Chaplaincy.—The many friends of Rev. C. C. Sewall rejoice in his election to the office of Chaplain in the House of Representatives. It is a post that should always be given to deserving men in the ripeness of years, rather thau to young and popular men who need it not aud regard it only au empty honor.

The Association of Unitarian ministers in this vicinity met on Christmas week with Rev. C. C. Sewall, who read a sermon on the "Sacrifice of Isaac."

Mr. Frank Brown is rapidly recovering from a ten weeks siege of typhoid fever. His friends think that only the best medical skill could have raised him after a hard relapse. Dr. Richardson was the successful physician. Mr. Brown was section-master on the M. & F. road, and his salary has been continued during his sickness. His home is in Maine.

Removals.—Mr. J. Addison Turner is about removing his family to Westboro', where he continues engaged in the straw business.

Mr. Louis Goulding has hired a house in West Medway, where he is to run a pegging machine in the shoe shop.

Straw.—The shops are once more in operation, and the yellow festoons adorn the fences near the Unitarian Church.

Cattle Disease.—Mr. John Newell's cattle are rapidly improving. Their owner takes great pains to keep the diseased creatures secluded and not to come into contact with them himself. The cattle belonging to Mrs. James Kingsbury are also afflicted and the trouble in this latter case is peculiarly hard to bear.

Personal.—We are glad to record that our townsman, J. A. Turner, has decided not to remove his family from town at present, but has so changed his arrangements that for a while longer his home will be in Medfield. We do not like to lose such citizens.

Depot.—A petition was sent to the legislature last week, asking that the station on the H. &. E. R. R. be removed from its present location to the point of junction with the M. &. F. R. R. This change ought by all means to be made, and will be a convenience to the traveling public.

Real Estate.—Chas. Hamant, Esq., Trustee of the James Estate, has sold the house opposite the Unitarian church and next the straw shop, to Rev. J. H. Wiggin. The building has been occupied by Messrs. Goulding and Wiggin, but is to be thrown into one tenement.

Mails.—The Mails are still delivered over the H. & E. R. R. As both roads have mail contracts which include other towns, it does not matter to corporations which line is used. The citizens prefer the present way. Formerly, Mr. E. A. Wheeler was paid for transportation from depot to village. Since October, Mr. Wheeler has carried the mail not only without compensation, but sometimes at personal inconvenience for the public benefit.

Miss Hannah Mann, another of our old people, died, and was buried last week.—She was a sister of Mrs. Geo. Fiske, and for several years had been a confirmed invalid, both physically and mentally. Rev. Mr. Eaton officiated at the funeral.

Rev. Mr. Gardiner, who was formerly settled in this vicinity, occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday.

Telegraph.—The apparatus is set up at the M. and F. Station, and is in running order. Mr. Chas. E. Ward, the agent, only waits the needful instructions to put it into daily operation. A teacher is expected very soon. A telegraph will be a great convenience. Heretofore it has been impossible to send messages promptly, and when received at neighboring villages, telegrams were often not forwarded to Medfield till they were too late to be of any use.

Cattle Disease.—A young man on the edge of Dover has been somewhat afflicted with a sore mouth. Some astute people jumped at the conclusion that he had the mouth and hoof disease, and were a little afraid to have him come near their barns; but the fever has subsided, and we have not heard of any increase of the cattle all, and our friend B. may walk abroad in peace.

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The R. R. Stations are not likely to unite at the Junction. The Legislative Committee has been up and granted leave to change, but neither the H. & E. nor M. & F. road wishes to assume the expense, and they do not unite upon a basis of removal. So, for the present, things are likely to remain *in statu quo*.

Wild Steer.—Recently a steer, en route for Woonsocket, strayed from a drove on the Dedham road and has since been running wild in the woods. The loser has offerered a reward of ten dollars for the beast, alive or dead, and the sportsmen have been out with their rifles, but no shot has yet been efficacious.

Double Windows have recently made their appearance upon the residence of Mr. Wiggin. They are from the shop of E. B. Cook, who has started the business of manufacturing doors, windows, blinds, mouldings, brackets, plain and ornamental, sawing, turning and planing, at West Medway. His factory is very near the railroad station. Mr. Cook moved thither from Bellingham. He possesses one merit which might well be imitated by mechanics in general,—promptness in the execution of orders and fidelity to the time promised. We are glad to know his business is flourishing.

Telegraph.—The lines are now in active operation from the village, and Mr. Ward has learned his lesson.

Water here as elsewhere continues very scarce. Mr. Hale has been obliged to dig a new well at his straw works.

Churches.—Last Sunday's congregations were affected by the snow-storm but not so seriously as in many places, judging by the papers.

Straw.—A strong flavor of brimstone in the air indicates that hats and bonnets are fast being manufactured.

Building.—Mr. David Plympton is making preparations to erect a new house on his farm this season.

Curtis & Co. find their straw business unusually flourishing this year, and the season bids fair to last longer than usual.

A Theatre Train ran over the Woonsocket division on Friday night, March 10, and a goodly number of passengers saw "Saratoga."

Mr. Marvell's Private School has closed after two week's session.

On the Death of Annie Richardson.
Lines by Mrs. Geo. Morse — used in Sunday School: Oct. 2. 1870.

Our infant Class is broken now —
Since one we loved so well,
Has passed away from earth,
To heaven where angels dwell.

Sweet, gentle Annie, gone to God;
All pure & undefiled,
Within her loving Savior's arms,
She rests a Spirit child.

Fare well, dear Annie, fare thee well,
The gates are left ajar —
Through which thy beauteous Spirit passed;
Passed like a radiant star;

& passing left a fragrance here,
Sweet as the flowers at even;
To guide our little footsteps in
The path that leads to Heaven.

EAST MEDWAY.

Dr. Gale has been seriously ill ever since the fire. He lived opposite the church, and fearing that the flames would spread to his house, he overexerted himself to remove his furniture.

Sojourner Truth, the venerable negress, has just left Medway for Kansas. She is determined that the free negroes shall no longer be drones in the Washington hive, to support white men in idleness, and is working to get them transported to the West, where they can work for their living. God speed the effort!

Bridge.—The Bridge on the Medway road has been inspected by the town officers, who decide that it must be rebuilt and have already placed props beneath it. It is partly in Medway, and that town will of course bear a portion of the expense.

Musical.—A Club is rehearsing the oratories of "Esther," and intend some day to bring it out for the public benefit. Success to every such undertaking! On Thursday the 23d. this Club met at the Unitarian Parsonage.

Town Hall.—Despite various rumors to the contrary, it does not yet appear that the Trustees have signed any contracts for the erection of this building, but are awaiting the decision of the builders as to terms.

Mr. Steele, an aged gentleman, recently died in Boston. He was afflicted with a cancer in the cheek and determined to have it removed. The hospital physicians finally consented, to his great joy, to perform the operation, which he did not long survive.

Mr. Wiswell has removed his shoe shop to the centre and now has a room in the attic of MacMillan's shop. Indeed, the building is becoming a veritable bazaar. A shoe shop, a Grand Army Hall, a Writing School, a Drawing School, a Club Room, a Saloon, and a Blacksmith's forge, are under the same roof. A private school has also been held there, and a Miscellaneous Mechanic sojourned there awhile.

Schools.—Mr. Walter S. Parker, who formerly taught in Sherborn, has been engaged for the High school, and Miss Sarah E. Dyer of Somerville, daughter of the well-known Congregationalist clergyman, as assistant. The school will open the first Monday in April. A teacher has also been secured for the South Primary. These early engagements are largely owing to the prompt action of James Hewins, Esq., the new member of the Committee.

Railroads. — Package tickets are no longer sold over the Mansfield & Framingham, and Albany & Providence roads to Boston. Reason:—Passengers were in the habit of using the tickets to Framingham & Mansfield, and then selling them to Boston passengers at reduced rates from those points. Of course this interfered with the regular receipts of the Worcester & Providence roads, and to prevent further losses the commutation tickets are withdrawn. It is hoped that some arrangement will be speedily made whereby travellers can be again accommodated.

"Esther."—In accordance with the notice given at the churches the Sunday previous there was a pleasant gathering of singers at the Baptist vestry on Thursday evening, March 30, to continue the rehearsals of this Oratorio. Some of the solos are finely sung. Mr. John Ord leads. Mr. William R. Smith plays the piano, to be paid for by and by.

Town Hall matters progress. The contracts are signed. The Messrs. Stewart of Portland are to be the builders. Already the granite is getting out.

Mr. Jacob Marshall, an old gentlemau, over seventy years of age, died on Monday morning, April third. He has been feeble for a long time, and passed quietly away. Paralysis the indirect cause. The deceased was the father of Mr. William M arshall.

Mr. Moses Bullard died very suddenly March 25th. He was an elderly gentleman, noted as a reader, and seldom seen away from his own home. The funeral was private and attended by Rev. J. R. Eaton.

Mr. Peck of Melrose occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday. Rev. A. W. Carr's connection with the society ceased April first.

Boxes of Spring Flowers and bunches of radishes came from Rhode Island the other day. The perfume of heliotrope filled the Curtis mansion and the manse for several days. Mr. McMilliau was the generous giver.

City People desiring a pleasant, furnished country house for the summer, with garden, hens, cow, and fuel, can hear of a most desirable place by applying to post-office box 44, Medfield.

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LYCEUM LECTURES.—For some time there has been no course of such lectures in town. A series has been started. They are to be given in the Unitarian Church, and are to be eight in number. Rev. W. H. Cudworth opens on Monday, Sept. 12th. Subject: "Success, and how to obtain it." After that the programme is definitely arranged as follows, subject, of course, as all such plans must be, to some liability to alteration:—

Monday, Sept. 19th, Mrs. Mary A. Livermore. Subject: "The Reason Why."

Mrs. Livermore is unquestionably the ablest woman on the platform, surpassing even Anna Dickinson in her oratory.

Monday, Sept. 26th, Rev. Elias Nason, well known as a lecturer. He will speak about "Greenbacks."

Monday, Oct 3d, Pelham W. Ames. Subject: "Chinese in California."

The synopsis of this lecture is too long to print, but proves its timeliness, and the reports from this gentleman's lectures are most favorable.

Monday, Oct. 10th, J. Q. A. Brackett. Mr. B. was much liked last year, and will probably give his thoughts on "Work and Play."

Friday, Oct. 14th, Rev. John Snyder of Hingham will give selections from Dickens of a pathetic and humorous character, for which he has so enviable a reputation. The other lectures will be announced hereafter. Season tickets $1.00. The plan of these lectures is purely unsectarian. If any profits remain after expenses are paid, they will be divided among the three Sunday-schools of the town, in proportion to the number of season tickets held in their respective societies. Blanks are left on each card for the name of the ticket holder and the society to which he belongs. Each buyer therefore knows that in purchasing a ticket he not only aids the community but his own church. We hope the enterprise will be largely patronized, and that no loss awaits the gentleman who has incurred the financial responsibility. Tickets are for sale by the children of the Sunday-schools, and also may be had at the door. Single admission twenty cents. By having these lectures generally on Monday evenings and early in the autumn a much better class of speakers is secured than otherwise would come within the means of a small town.

PRAISE MEETING.—Dr. Eben Tourjee of the Boston Conservatory of Music, will hold a "Praise meeting" in the Unitarian Church next Sunday evening, Sept. 11th, at 7 o'clock. The public, both in Medfield and the neighboring towns, is cordially invited to attend. Let the Professor have a full house. Previous to the Praise Meeting Dr. Tourjee will give his lecture on "Music in Worship." This lecture is also open to the public, and will be given in the afternoon in place of the regular sermon, at 1 1-2 o'clock. Prof. Tourjee desires that all who attend the evening "Praise Meeting" should hear his afternoon lecture also. At the Praise Meeting a collection will be taken for the Boston North Street Mission.

TOWN MEETING.—A large meeting of the citizens took place Tuesday Sept. 6, at 5 o'clock P. M. Charles Hamant, Esq., called the assemblage to order, and was elected moderator. Samuel Ellis, Esq., was chosen temporary clerk. The first article was read. J. R. Cushman, Esq., moved that the Town hereby prohibit the sale of ale, porter, strong beer, and lager beer." This motion was unanimously carried, *nem con.* The second article, about a road from Main street towards Foundry street, was then discussed. It was finally voted not to build a *new* road, but to authorize $500 for repairs on Mount Nebo street.

SCHOOLS.—The opening of the schools was delayed a week beyond the appointed time, but they began on the 12th. Miss Lucy Lane is still in the North school, Miss Woods in the South, and Miss Hixon, so uniformly successful, in the Centre. Mr. Louis A. Marvel is the new High-school teacher. His examination was most excellent, and it is hoped the new term will be successful.

AN APPRECIATIVE GIFT.—Led by J. J. Adams, Esq., the citizens of the town have united in subscribing $360 to purchase Dr. Richardson a new buggy and harness. A few ladies in the neighborhood also united in presenting Mrs. Richardson with a nice baby carriage robe. The gifts are not only timely but thoroughly deserved by a most painstaking and modest physician, whose health is not strong and whose domestic afflictions have been very severe.

ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday, Sept. 7th, a little son of Mr. Ricker, living on the Dedham road, broke both bones of his forearm. Dr. Richardson was immediately sent for, and set the broken limb.

REAL ESTATE.—J. J. Adams has sold the blacksmith shop on Jaynes court, to Mr. Macmillian. Mr. M. formerly worked for Mr. George Morse, and is reputed a good shoer of horses. He will carry on the business below, and convert the upper part of the building into a dwelling house for his family.

FIRE IN THE WOODS.—A fire broke out in Rocky Woods, on Tuesday, Sept. 13th, near the village. The bells rang, and the citizens generally turned out to stay it. Relays of men remained to guard it Tuesday night and Wednesday.

REMOVAL.—For want of a tenement, Mr. Wm. Bullard has been obliged to remove his family to Walpole.

DEPOT.—The new central depot is as pretty a country station as is anywhere to be found, and Mr. Charles E. Ward, the agent, keeps it in perfect neatness. The passenger travel increases rapidly over the M. & F. railroad.

REV. S. W. BUSH, chief editor of the *Christian Register*, preached in the Unitarian church last Sunday.

GROVE.—The evenings are growing longer and cooler, and the last dances were held Sept. 15th and 22d.

CORRECTION.—For "baby carriage robe," in our report of last week, the compositor should have said baby carriage and robe.

A REPUBLICAN CAUCUS held at Curtis' Hall, Saturday evening, Oct. 22d, resulted in the choice of the following delegates:—

SENATORIAL CONVENTION—Warren Chenery, Esq., Rev. J. H. Wiggin.

REPRESENTATIVE CONVENTION—J. H. Baker, J. W. Page, Wm. C. Allen, Dennis Hoisington, Alonzo B. Parker, John Ord, Jr., Isaac Fiske, H. J. Daniels, Benj. Babcock, John G. Hudson, with power to fill vacancies.

COUNTY CONVENTION—Moses H. Johnson and Geo. M. Fiske.

MAILS.—The mails are no longer brought by the Hartford and Erie road and Wheeler's stage; but over the M. & F. road from Mansfield and Framingham. The present arrangement is very inconvenient; mails closing earlier in the morning and opening later in the evening. The M. & F. road, however, hopes, ere long, to provide greater facilities and have a postal messenger on its trains. Such a consummation is to be wished.

TRAINS.—The evening train no longer connects with the Stonington boat, though it is possible to go to New York that way via the Shore Line. Coming from New York there is a delay of two hours, from 4 to 6 A.M., at Providence, instead of direct connections as heretofore.

BUILDING.—Cushman & Baker's new carriage shop, built on the site of the old one which was destroyed by fire two years ago, rapidly approaches completion. Thayer is the builder.

RAILROAD.—Caleb Hamant, Esq., has satisfactorily settled his claims for damages with the new road.

MRS. L. M. THOMPSON, who has kept the boarding-house for the past four years, removes to Boston early in November. The property will be sold.

J. ADDISON TURNER has started on a Western trip, and is accompanied by his relative, Mrs. Jacob Clark.

WHOOPING COUGH continues very prevalent among the children.

MRS. LAURA BROWN died on Saturday Oct. 22d. She was the daughter of Rev. Dr. Sanders, who succeeded Dr. Prentiss in the ministry of the First Church about the year 1815, and the mother of Mrs. R. Roberts. The funeral, on Monday the 24th, was attended by the Rev. Charles C. Sewall.

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SILAS W. WILDER was buried from the Second Congregational Church on Tuesday P.M., the 15th Nov. Beautiful flowers decorated the casket and pulpit. The pastor, Rev. J. R. Eaton, conducted the service, offering the prayer and speaking of the consolations drawn from the character of the deceased. Rev. C. C. Sewall read a carefully written address, referring to the boyhood of the deceased and the comforts of Christian faith. Mr. Wilder was a native of Medfield, but had for some time been employed in a Boston banking house, where he was greatly trusted. The past few months had been spent in New York. He died in Brooklyn quite suddenly, and a service there was largely attended by the young men of his acquaintance. Mr. Wilder was a young man of great business promise, and a member of the Christian church, and his unexpected death at the age of only twenty years sends gloom into the hearts of many who knew and loved him in this vicinity. Some of the circumstances of his last illness were peculiarly touching.

MRS. ELIZ. WADSWORTH died on Saturday the 12th of Nov. She had been long a sufferer both in mind and body, and death came as a welcome relief. She was buried on Tuesday, by Rev. A. W. Carr, of the Baptist church, to which she belonged. The deceased was nearly 90 years of age and lived in the household of her son-in-law, Mr. Thomas Smith. Four aged persons have passed away in this community within a month.

REV. J. M. MERRICK, so well known in this county, who is now settled in Charlestown, N.H., has for a long time been seriously unwell, and unable to preach regularly. His pulpit has been kindly supplied for some months, personally or by exchange, by his tried friend, Rev. C. C. Sewall of Medfield, whose generous heart often prompts him to such fraternal offices.

TEMPERANCE.—Rev. Geo. H. Vibbert lectured at the Orthodox church on this subject on Tuesday evening, Nov. 15. Mr. Vibbert arrived somewhat late, and the audience had thinned, but he kept his hearers broad awake for more than an hour. Mr. V. came under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars, and discussed the usefulness of that order, the virtues of Prohibition, and the sins of Republican leaders on this question. Mr. Vibbert is the Universalist minister of Rockport, and an able man, and speaks very forcibly and seriously and perspicuously.

GEO. E. OTIS, Esq., of Boston and Jamaica will give a free lecture at the Unitarian church on Monday evening, Nov. 28. Subject—"The Salem Witchcraft." Everybody welcome.

THE TRAINS have changed for the winter, and the worse on the H. & E. R. R. Instead of two morning trains in, there is but one at 8 o'clock, and one in the P.M. at 4. Out, a train leaves the city at 8.45 A.M., and instead of 2 P.M. trains as heretofore, there is but one, at 4.45. The mails are unchanged. Travel via Framingham and Mansfield is increasing, package tickets being sold at the same rate as by stage on the other road. Passengers can reach Medfield by the 5 1-2 train from the Worcester depot via Framingham; or by the 4 1-2 train from Providence, via Mansfield.

GRANTVILLE.—A course of ten lectures is being given in Mangus Hall. Rev. James Freeman Clarke opened the course with "What For?"

Rev. Francis Tiffancy of Newton, followed on "Robert Burns."

E. B. Otis, Esq., gave the third on "Popular Superstitions," which he repeated in Boston Tuesday, Dec. 6.

The fourth lecture was by Rev. J. H. Wiggin on "Bashfulness," Nov. 29, and on Dec. 6, Rev. John Snyder of Hingham, read selections from Dickens.

[Correspondence.]

A TRIP TO GOTHAM.

Rooms of State.

If one likes music, and minds not a crowd, Jim Fiske's line is decidedly preferable; but state-rooms were not to be had at the Boston office. The Norwich line had *one* left; and *such a one-er* as it was! All night long it stewed and simmered in the bottom of a close pit, and not without the fear of burglars before my eyes; for the room had only an upper, narrow window, opening upon the upper deck, undefended and not to be closed from within; just such a window as a steamer robbery was committed through not many months ago. How deftly a handy thief could drop through such an aperture, pick up the few valuables that hang around, and anon disappear into the adjacent cabin. What right have boats to place passengers in such insecure apartments? However, no rogue appeared, but right welcome was the morning sun, and the pure, salt air of the decks.

The Harbor.

The shores of the approaching city were lined with bathers. Ferries were plying rapidly. Affable New Yorkers were ready for a pleasant chat, and to point out localities. Presently a woman with a babe stationed herself by the saloon door, and with strong, untutored voice, sang "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," and other pieces. Was she poor, and trying thus to work her passage to the metropolis? Perhaps *yes;* but no novice she, for anon, of each auditor she personally asked an alms, to which your correspondent mentally and scripturally rejoined: "Silver and gold have I none, but thou art a humbug."

"The Children of the Public."

"How much, O John, for thy vehicle to Harbor Vertebræ, a few miles out on the Brooklyn side?"

"Ten dollars!"

"Ajax!"

"Well, eight dollars!"

"Go thy way in peace!"

Reader, didst ever peruse Edward Everett Hale's story with the above title? No? Then, in the solemn language of Edward Cuttle, mariner, "Overhaul the wollum!" It shows how one may live honestly on the public, so does the new civilization provide for its humblest and poorest subjects. This story came to mind as I entered the horse-car which skirts the city, and oseulates the ferries. We pass by or through Washington market. Behold the fresh vegetables in the compartments of the open wagons! The ferry at last, and the boat already parting. But another nears. What a dense crowd waiting to come ashore at 7 1-2 A.M. It empties itself at last. Nobody crossing to the farther side, save a shop girl, and a glazier with the implements of his trade. Landed! The Castle Burr car not in just now. Rumshops in plenty. Ah! and one decent place. "Soda cold?" "Ice cold, sir!" Pah—what a dose of luke-warm sassafras suds! "Take it thyself lad! I'll none of it." and now the car is ready; an excursion car with cross-seats; pleasanter than the common horse car, and easier of access. Two Irishers discuss the European war from the Fenian standpoint, while a Yankee badger doles the news from the morning paper. A stout young German, with an honest valise and lagery form and breath, inquires the time and reads the *Zeitung*. A butcher's boy enters with a basket of joints wrapped in newspaper, the ends exposed to the marauding flies. He opens his tin box to pay the fare. Only six pennies, as I see by looking over his shoulder. Poor fellow, he must walk back this hot day. Next comes a masculine bundle of rags, bearing two huge tangles of tinware. We bowl along the bay side. It is almost as dry here as in Norfolk county. The conductor knows mine host, whom I seek, and bids me view him approaching, but for once he has got the wrong man. Here we are at the lane! Nineteen cents only it has cost to come hither from the steamer—a six-mile trip,—as a child of the public.

The Cottage by the Sea.

Only a few rods to the beach, and there can we see the busy life of the ocean. Passing and repassing are the yachts. The Cambria has beaten the Dauntless by less than two hours in crossing the Atlantic. New York cares more for this than for the war. She is sorry, but gives the Britisher hearty cheers. The young men of *ton* have private yachts. It costs something to keep one. The price is big at the outset, and there must be a captain, a steward, and from two to six men besides. Next week the fleet leaves for Newport, Martha's Vineyard camp-meeting, and all the joys of a yachting trip. In the evening we see the lights of the city yonder, and Staten Island. It is a bore to be *hors du combat* so near the great city, with so many things to see; but the doctor carefully examines, declares the *process of the tibia* fractured and knitting together again. There is nothing to be done, "only do not stand or walk on it." But what a paradise of garden and lawn and water and literature to be idle in! Why, Tamhaliser himself might find the Venus-valley in the cool, big leather-stuffed comforts of yonder Casino. Can it be summer? Yes, in the house; but the night showers come and east winds. How delicious the change! Does New England share it? Is the back-bone of the sweltering period broken?

"Murder Most Foul and Most Unnatural."

Everybody looks under the bed and into the wardrobe to-night; for the papers are full of the Nathan murder. Morning and eve the intelligence accumulates. A rich Jew, living opposite the Fifth Avenue Hotel, with doors and windows open, and two sons and two servants in the house, is slain with fifteen cruel blows of a ship carpenter's iron "dog," and no alarm given and little property stolen. Right or wrong, suspicion points to the boys, or to one reputed fast and wicked. This is a fair summary of reasons for this horrible rumor: The old man was partly blind, yet cried not out, but tackled the intruder as if he recognized him; and the latter, not content with silencing his victim that he might quietly pursue the robbery, piled on the bloody blows, and left without the pocket-book. The bloody finger-marks are small. There was blood on the young man's shirt. He came in after midnight, and was up again very early to call his father—that they might go together to the synagogue. Between the story of the young man about the front door locks, and the report of the patrol, there are discrepancies. The deed was not that of a professional burglar. So the world and papers reason—and the police?

At Brother Beecher's.

We are there betimes on Sunday morning. No difficulty about a nigh seat. One young gentleman is there; the other four who occupy that pew are out of town. In the midst of the incoming, Mr. Beecher takes his place. Tardily enter the choir; the whole 75 are not here to-day. The organist begins, and after a short voluntary, they sing an operatic anthem—

"As pants the hart for cooling streams."

Plain sailing at first, but presently how the soprano solo runs in and out. Then Mr. Beecher "invokes" wonderfully, and in the midst of a settling of the audience, reads a chapter, as if nobody was expected to listen to it. Then we roar "Lanesboro" together, and after a quaint prayer, wherein there are five references to the war abroad, we join in "Autumn:"

"Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah!"

How the female voices swell about us in the duet lines! The preacher reads none of the hymns. But before this hymn are the notices. It is Mr. Beecher's last Sunday before vacation. There is a collection for the Sunday-schools, etc., etc. Before service an official had entered the pulpit and inspected the notices and added thereto; and now the sermon from Ephesians: "Above all, put on the shield of faith, whereby you shall be able to quench the fiery darts of the devil." Faith is the long *over* shield, for the figure is military. Paul borrows not from Greek literature and scripture, but the useful arts are full of analogies. The darts are incendiary arrows of temptation which smoulder and ferment in us. Faith is belief in the unseen, in honor, in truth, which comes from the cultivation of the higher part of the nature. While we are low, darts are helped by gravitation; but we may rise where no temptations can reach. Temptation operates through: 1st, Curiosity, as in young people; and here followed a graphic sketch of his first and last wine drinking. 2d, Through jealousy and envy; and "he is rare who feels not envious." 3d, Through love. How all laugh at its signs, and nobody more than Beecher himself; yet how sacred the passion, and how it may debase. There are those who search the earth like vultures for carrion. [illegible] by faith temptations are quenched. Mr. Beecher thought a watch or a pocket-book would be safe in *his* bon[illegible] "If Dea. A. should come into my study, and, in a fit of absent-mindedness, leave money for the poor fund, or rather absent-mindedly forget his purse—I meant to say—however, take it either way you please; I should not record in my journal, the fool's mirror, if I kept one, how great a temptation I had resisted; I was well drilled at home against stealing, but there is no knowing what I might learn to do if I were perchance made a commissioner or railway director; yet some men are thus tempted, and all in *some* directions. Put on the shield of things *hoped* for." Then how we sang the "Shining Shore!" And with this sketch of Beecher's sermon, Good-bye, for from home there comes, while I write, one of those long, narrow printed slips, which says, "Come, another has gone."

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THE SUPERNATURAL. — During the past fortnight the village has been rife with rumors about certain mysterious noises and ghostly appearances which have startled the tenants of a prominent house on North street. The children of the household are undoubtedly thoroughly frightened, as was the foreign servant who resided in the family. Two young men passed a couple of nights in the so-called haunted rooms, but discovered nothing alarming. Inasmuch as the contagion of fear has somewhat infected the "maids" of the neighborhood, it is desirable that the occupant of the premises should trace the scare to its source, and so, if possible, lay the "speetre." Such surmises are often prejudicial to the memories of excellent and respectable people, both dead and living. That strange sounds are heard in the house referred to, is undoubted; but if properly investigated, undoubtedly, as in thousands of similar cases, these *supernatural* manifestations could be assigned to their *natural* causes, and so another blow be given to superstition and overweening fondness for the marvellous.

REV. J. R. EATON, pastor of the Orthodox church, finding himself improved in health, is once more to take up his residence in town, occupying a tenement near North street, belonging to Mr. Warren Chenery. Welcome to him.

GOOD TEMPLARS.—The officers of Medfield Union Lodge were installed by Deputy B. R. Babcock on Tuesday evening, Nov. 1st.

W. C. T., Frank Babcock; W. V. T., Ellen Clifford; W. S., Ella Crocker; W. F. S., J. H. Baker; W. T., Mrs. Baker; W. M., Sam. Bennett; W. D. M., Emma Fairbanks; W. A. S., Mrs. Smith; W. I. G., E. Richards; W. O. G., Mr. Brown; W. R. S., Alice Morton; W. L. S., Sarah E. Bullard; W. D. M., ———; W. C., J. R. Cushman.

A. H. Wiley occupies the Past Chair. The Lodge has 104 members.

TREES.—J. J. Adams and D. D. Curtis are setting out some hundreds of trees, maples chiefly, on the new avenues in the north part of the town and near the grove.

MR. WINSHIP of South Dedham, who for some time has been engaged in blacksmithing in town, has at last obtained the Clark cottage on South street, and his family have moved into it.

MR. GROVER, formerly of Foxboro', occupies the house on Frairy street, formerly owned by Geo. Crane.

CONRAD WEIKER has commenced building a new house.

AT THE TOWN MEETING on Tuesday, the Republican candidates *generally* averaged from 100 to 120: the Labor Reformers, 8 to 9; the Democrats, 25 to 27; Prohibitionists, 5 and 6. Foord had 154; C. C. Churchill, 136; J. M. Churchill, 122. There were only eight tickets in the field.

Voted, that the scholars living on the outskirts of the town may attend school elsewhere, and receive their portion of the money, if the Committee so approve. Also to build a new road from Frank Wight's place on the Dedham road to the saw mill towards Walpole. The price named was three dollars per rod. A road well made at that price will be "unco" cheap.

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH was closed for a vacation last Sunday.

FIRE.—Sunday evening there was an alarm caused by a slight fire in the woods on South street.

UNITARIAN PICNICS.—The Hyde Park Unitarians were in Curtis' Grove on the 19th. Among those present were the pastor, Rev. F. C. Williams, Theodore D. Weld, and Sylvanus Cobb, Jr., the famous novelist.

ON WEDNESDAY the 20th, the Framingham Unitarians came for a good time, though the numbers were not large.

NEEDHAM Unitarians had a very enjoyable assemblage on Thursday the 21st. A few Sunday-school songs were finely sung by several members. Rev. J. H. Wiggin of Medfield was invited to speak, and made some remarks on the addition to his parish, of the large and changing household of *Curtis Grove, Esq.*, and the duty of Unitarians (being left out of Sunday-school and kindred conventions and sympathies by other sects) to *put in* and make the best schools and best churches, and not to stand still and grumble about it. Rev. A. B. Vorse, the pastor of the Needham society, also spoke of the joyful purpose of the gathering, and the beauty of the grove. Mr. Vorse has a clear voice and good delivery, and it was pleasant to hear on all sides hearty expressions of pride in the new minister. He is a decided acquisition, both to Needham and the conference. Grantville has a small society lately started, where Mr. Vorse preaches Sunday afternoons; and the Grantville friends were also present on this occasion. One of Tufts' Arctic soda fountains has made its timely and profitable appearance in the grove building. Thomas Floyd was called in to furnish the music.

A SON, Bracey, was born to D. D. Curtis on the 21st, to the great delight of that gentleman and his household.

TROUGHS.—A legal gentleman who drove through Medfield and the Dedhams on a recent hot day, complains that the road is sorely lacking in conveniences for watering horses; that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals should interfere, and that the ministers ought to preach about it. Without any opportunity of testing the matter, we gladly give a place to so humane a suggestion, of whose pertinence others know more than we.

HON. JOHN C. PARK, President of the Norfolk Conference, will occupy the Unitarian pulpit next Sunday.

SUDDEN ILLNESS.—A party of boarders at Mr. Bishop's, were enjoying a quiet picnic on Monday, when several were taken unexpectedly ill. At first it was believed they had been sunstruck, but Dr. Richardson pronounced the attack accidental poisoning. Two are not expected to recover.

DANCING AL FRESCO.—There was a hop in the grove, on Thursday evening, the 21st, well attended. Albert Balch, A. J. Turner, and Charles Howe were chosen floor managers. The Cornet Band played a few pieces, but the lights were not favorable to brass efforts. The Germania Band played for dancing. Similar assemblies are to be held every week—so say the posters.

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GOOD TEMPLARS.—August 2d, in place of the regular Deputy, B. J. Babcock, J. H. Wiggin installed the officers of the Medfield Union Lodge of Good Templars. Chief, A. H. Wiley; Secretary, Fred Smith; Vice-Templar, Miss Colburn; Financial Secretary, J. H. Baker; Treasurer, Mrs. Baker; Chaplain, Louis Goulding; Rev. A. W. Carr occupies the past chair. The other offices are also worthily filled, and the Lodge continues to do a good work.

MAILS.—The mail carriage has *wobbled* somewhat, and finally through the intervention of a townsman in Boston, settled upon Wheeler again, greatly to the satisfaction of the letter writers.

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THE NORFOLK WEST DISTRICT TEMPERANCE UNION held a grand picnic at Curtis Grove on the 2d. It is estimated that over a thousand persons were on the ground. The Franklin Band of Hope gave recitations and other literary exercises. The Medfield Cornet Band played at intervals throughout the day. The *piece de resistance* was an address by Sylvanus Cobb, Jr. Speeches were also made by Rev. Messrs. Chadwick of East Mansfield, Keen of Franklin, Edwin Thompson of Walpole, and J. I. P. Collier of Boston Highlands. The closing remarks were by Rodney French of New Bedford. Miss Ella Gibson also spoke, *pitching* into Gov. Claflin very strongly. Indeed, his Excellency came in for a good many oratorical hits. It is so easy to decide peremptorily questions of state when the burden of office lies not upon our shoulders. Altogether this meeting was a great success.

TAUNTON was represented by another grove gathering last week.

MRS. FISHER, mother of Wm. Q. Fisher, died at her son's residence near the Dover line on Sunday July 31st. Her pastor, Mr. Wiggin, was absent in New York, but was telegraphed for, and arrived in time for the burial services Tuesday noon. Mrs. Fisher had reached the age of ninety years, having been a widow during half her earthly career, passing her time in the households of her three children, but chiefly with her son. There were present 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren to "rise up and call her blessed." Mrs. Fisher was a very active and useful woman, greatly loved by all who knew her. As she lay in her coffin, the cold face greatly resembled her brother, Col. Obed Allen, who died a year ago. The chapter in Proverbs was read about the faithful wife and mother, whose "price is above rubies." The following verses were also read:—

Weep thou, O mourner! but in lamentation
Let thy Redeemer still remembered be;
Strong is his arm, the God of thy salvation,
Strong is his love to cheer and comfort thee.

Cold though the world be, in the way before thee,
Wail not in sadness o'er the darkling tomb;
God in his love still watcheth kindly o'er thee,
Light shineth still above the clouds of gloom.

Dimmed though thine eyes be with the tears of sorrow,
Night's only known beneath the sky of time:
Faith can behold the dawning of a morrow
Glowing in smiles of life and joy sublime.

Change, then, O mourner, grief to exultation;
Firm and confiding should thy spirit be;
Strong is his arm, the God of thy salvation,
Strong is his love to cheer and comfort thee.

MRS. PITMAN of Newport, well known as the Newport correspondent of the Tribune, Journal, Transcript, and other papers, has been visiting Medfield, as the guest of Charles Hamant, Esq. Stepping from the platform of the station into Wheeler's coach one evening, Mrs. P. narrowly escaped a severe accident. The horses started and threw her to the ground, the wheels passing over her dress. Fortunately several days of lameness was the only unpleasant result.

REV. DARWIN H. RANNEY died at West Brattleboro', Vermont, last week, Sept. 2d. Mr. Ranney was formerly a Baptist clergyman, but his convictions underwent a change, and for some fifteen years he has been connected with the Unitarian denomination, though not latterly in charge of a parish. His influence in the societies where he ministered was most excellent, and he also held other positions of honor and trust. In Medfield Mr. Ranney was known as the father of Mrs. Dr. Richardson.

NATIONAL UNITARIAN CONFERENCE.—Rev. C. C. Sewall and Dr. J. H. Richardson have been chosen delegates with power to appoint substitutes, if unable to attend in person.

EXCURSION.—A large number of citizens availed themselves of the low fare to attend the Agricultural show at Fitchburg last week.

BOARDING HOUSE.—D. D. Curtis has bought of the Jaynes estate the place lately occupied by Mrs. Thompson and has commenced making repairs and additions, with his customary business enterprise.

FROST & HORN have discontinued the manufacture of paper machinery, and dissolved partnership, and their stone factory on the Dedham road is to be sold.

HOOSAC.—The tunnel excursion absorbed over a hundred of our citizens last Saturday. Some of our oldest gentlemen made the journey, which proved to be very tedious. The train left here at 5.30 A.M., arriving at the mountain about 2 P.M. Beyond Fitchburg there were over twenty cars, divided into two trains. After two hours' stay, the excursionists started for home, reaching this region in the wee small hours of Sunday morning. Among the miseries were a lack of cold water, cold coffee at ten cents a glass, and eighteen hours' solid travel. The train encountered some cattle on the Vermont & Massachusetts road, and was nearly thrown from the track.

GROVE DANCES.—The dance at the Grove on the 28th ult. was a *fiasco*, owing to the non-appearance of the musicians. The proprietor made the best amends he could by distributing soda and ices, *ad libitum*, and at considerable pecuniary loss to himself. On the 4th inst. the entertainment was well attended, considering the weather, and the music came to time.

BUILDING.—The Central depot is in use.

J. B. HALE has moved into Warren Chenery's house, and Mr. C. is improving the house formerly occupied by Mr. Hale, and making it a fit habitation for himself.

JAYNES' AVENUE has greatly improved. The little cottage there is being metamorphosed by John J. Adams, Esq., into a cosy home; the stable is filled with hay, the blacksmith shop is greatly changed in appearance, and progress is everywhere written.

CUSHMAN & BAKER are erecting rapidly a new building beside their finishing shop.

SICKNESS.—Two motherless infants have been taken to the higher home this week—one the child of the late Mrs. Mary Legally Thayer, the other of B. J. Babcock.

MEDFIELD.

WM. C. LANGLEY, ESQ., of New York, has recently made his customary summer visit to Medfield and taken a pleasant jaunt of a week in the hill country; accompanied by Miss A. Langley, Miss E. Richardson, Rev. J. H. Wiggin and wife. Mr. Alonzo Parker furnished the horses and had them in charge during the trip.

HOUSES.—A week makes great changes in even a small town. Mr. James Hewins has moved into his new house. Mr. Geo. Crane has bought of D. D. Curtis the house on Cottage street occupied recently by Wm. Bullard. This is the second time Mr. Bullard has been sold out within a few months; he has moved into Mrs. John Grant's house, while Mrs. Grant and Chas. E. Ward have removed to a part of Mr. Everett's house, vacated by Mr. Sawyer. W. R. Goldsmith removes to the West, thus vacating the wee bit house occupied by him beside the Unitarian Church.

REV. W. BROWN preached at the Unitarian church Aug. 21. The sermon was on Heaven and Hell and the material ideas about them which have been advanced by different parties, especially the notion that the sun's centre is heaven and its outer shell hell, through which all must shoot to enter heaven.

REV. MR. TENNY of Saugus preached by exchange at the Orthodox church last Sunday. Mr. Tenny was both a College and Seminary classmate of the pastor of the society.

LIQUOR SELLING.—A call has been issued by the Selectmen, on petition of sundry citizens, to ascertain if the town will forbid the sale of beer and cider within its borders, according to the provisions of the new law. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at five o'clock in the afternoon.

DANCES.—The Thursday evening entertainments at the grove continue to be well patronized.

PICNIC.—The citizens of Dover came over in good numbers on Wednesday evening, Aug. 24th, and without distinction of sects united in a picnic and dance.

MEDFIELD.

MOSES ELLIS POST.—This Post of the G. A. R. has at last chosen a name; and Moses Ellis, Esq., of Framingham, who is a native of Medfield, has recognized the courtesy with the munificent gift of five hundred dollars, part of which will be expended in properly fitting up a hall. Count Schwabe, the friend of the soldier, has also given some books to start a library. The ladies are at work for a Fair for the Post, to be held about Christmas.

Circle.	July 14. Kate Hasthorn's
"	" 28 Mrs. G. M. Smiths.
	Discussion on the appropriation of money for a parsonage
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Sept. 1.	Geo M. Smith's.
" 29	" "
Oct. 13.	" " only one person came.
Nov. 3	Mrs. Wm Newins, annual but few present.
" 17	Mrs. Gardner.
Dec. 1.	Mrs. Daniel Russell. Election. Good attendance.
" 15	" Gershom Adams.
Jan. 19. 1871.	Mrs. Hamlet Wright.
March 2.	Mrs. A. L. Turner.
" 16.	Pastor's House.
Feb.	Mrs. G. Bigelow: { Discussion a gift of money to pastor. No vote.
"	Mrs. G. M. Smith.
Apr.	Mrs. Wm Newins
"	Misses Sewall.
" 27	G. W. Kingsbury.
May	" " "
June 8	Mrs. D. D. Curtis
" 15	Mrs. Ed. F. Everett.
" 22	" L. W. Page.
" 29	" Julia Pope
July 6	" Gardner "
"	Newins.
	Gilman
Aug.	Grove
"	"

To the First Cong *Church in* Medfield

under the pastoral charge of

Rev. J. H. Wiggin

BRETHREN:—

The next Meeting of the "Norfolk Conference of Unitarian and other Christian Churches" will be held with the First Parish in Dover, Rev. C. S. Locke, Pastor, on WEDNESDAY, June 22, at 10, A.M.

Rev. Elisha Gifford, of West Dedham, will read an Essay on "*The need of Parish Conferences, to quicken Religious Life.*"

You are requested to be present, by your Pastor and at least six delegates.

Cars leave the Albany Station, Boston, at 7.15, A.M.

Yours in Christian Faith and Work,

FREDERIC HINCKLEY,

Secretary.

HARRISON SQUARE, June 15, 1870.

Delegates chosen June 19.
Mr. & Mrs. Rhoades.
Henry Wright
L. J. Spear
John Battelle.
Willie Richardson
Mrs. Gardner.
Miss Bosworth.

MEDFIELD.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH was celebrated by a union town picnic. The project was first started by the Good Templars, but gradually assumed wider proportions. Curtis Grove was opened at 9 o'clock, and public and private carriages were on the road all day. Hundreds of people were in attendance, and the Medfield Cornet Band kindly gave its services. Mr. Curtis also furnished the grove at a rate barely sufficient to cover the expenses of its occupancy. Swings and boats were in full operation. The pop-corn man did a capital business, and all the ice cream that could be purchased in Boston on Independence morning found speedy consumers. At one o'clock, J. B. Hale, as President of the Day, took the stand. Rev. C. C. Sewall being absent, Rev. Mr. Eaton of Fitchburg—who is supplying the Orthodox pulpit here—offered a very appropriate prayer. H. F. Burt, high school teacher, read the Declaration of Independence with good emphasis. Louis Goulding was toastmaster, and announced the sentiments, while the President called up the speakers.

I. "The day we celebrate,—anniversary of a nation's birth: may the strides of the future equal those of the past." Response by the Band.

II. "The Ladies: God bless them,—'the sweet-briers of life.'" Robert R. Bishop of Newton, a Medfield boy, responded in a speech full of delicate humor, closing with allusions to the older women, especially to the famous Hannah Adams and Mrs. Ellis Allen.

III. "The Grand Army of the Republic: once active in war, now industrious in honorable peace; but ever ready to obey the call of patriotism. In the absence of Commander H. J. Daniels, Vice-Commander Crane spoke of our debt to the soldiers.

IV. "Our Public Schools:" fountains which fertilize the plains of civilization. H. F. Burt responded, dwelling upon their value.

V. "The Star-Spangled Banner:" long may it wave. After music, Rev. F. B. Perkins of Jamaica Plain, made an admirable speech upon true freedom in each, which ensures the liberty of all.

VI. "The Press."

"Here may the press the people's rights maintain,
Unawed by influence, and unbribed by gain.
Here glorious truth her patriot precepts draw,
Pledged to religion, liberty, and law."

Rev. S. W. Bush, editor of the "Christian Register," spoke of the terrors of a free press to tyranny, and referred to some of the dark Fourths of July during the war, when he resided in town.

VII. "The Band:" "That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord." Answered with music.

Other speeches were omitted for lack of time. The President then called the crowd from labor to refreshment, after which the multitude began to drop slowly and reluctantly away.

EXCURSION OF GOOD TEMPLARS.—Members of this order came from Mansfield, Foxboro', and Walpole, in a special train Tuesday evening, June 28. Owing to the hundreds who came, there was some delay in obtaining a proper place for their reception, but finally the Baptist Church was hospitably opened. Rev. J. H. Wiggin was called to the chair. It was decided to have the meeting open, and not secret. Dea. Babcock prayed. Speeches were made by Messrs. Nottage and Pond of Foxboro'; Messrs. Willett, Cook, and Hanners of Walpole, Messrs. Blake, Cobb, and Mayhew, of Mansfield, and Messrs. Cushman and Babcock of Medfield. Two strangers, a Scotchman named Tennent, and a German named Louie, also spoke, as the audience was dispersing to take the home train. There is much regret among our temperance people that the number of visitors had not been better understood and more complete arrangements made for their reception on so sweltering an evening; regret also that some strangers, in the guise of Good Templars, should have brought suspicions upon the order by calling for the Town Agency, and bitters at the stores. The excursion was gotten up mainly through the activity of Mr. Nottage of Foxboro'.

CHURCH MATTERS.—Rev. S. W. Bush, formerly pastor of the Unitarian Church, spent Sunday among his old friends. Owing to a passing illness he was unable to occupy the pulpit as expected, but was present at service and conducted the conference in the evening.

Rev. Mr. Phillips, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church, and now working in the Southwest, filled his old pulpit last Sunday, Rev. A. W. Carr being called away by the loss of a near relative.

EXTRA TRAINS.—There have been rumors of some difficulty about running special trains to Medfield Grove over the Hartford & Erie road, on account of its connection with the Boston & Albany road from Brookline to Boston. We are glad to learn that whatever obstacles may have arisen have been speedily removed, so that parties wishing to occupy the grove can be easily transported as heretofore.

STRAW BUSINESS.—J. B. Hale has bought of Warren Chenery his large straw shop, dwelling-house, and premises on South street. Mr. Hale has been for some years the lessee, and the town is glad to have him a permanent citizen. The *solid* men of Medfield are evidently and paradoxically its "men of *straw*."

MESMERISM.—Prof. Caldwell gave a psychological and ventriloquistic exhibition at Curtis Hall, Wednesday evening, June 29, to a small audience. Those present enjoyed the entertainment.

MEDFIELD.

HORSE THIEF.—Through the exertions of Mr. Samuel Johnson, acting for the Detective Association, the man who stole J. L. Breck's horse and carriage has been arrested. The fellow's name is Hoyt. He was formerly in Mr. Breck's employ, and there he learned to covet the team. After the theft he drove the horse, before the next evening, to Dover, N.H., and thence to his home in Machias, Maine. By telegraph, his whereabouts were discovered, and he was decoyed into Massachusetts on the plea that his evidence was needed to clear another suspected party. Hoyt bore a good character in Machias, and was trusted by his neighbors. The stolen property has also been brought back.

PSYCHOLOGY.—Wednesday evening, the 6th, Mr. Caldwell gave another exhibition at the hall. The first hour was tediously devoted to a few slow feats in legerdèmain, chiefly in trying to fire a pistol with bad powder. A half-hour more was occupied in finding proper subjects for mesmeric influence. Four boys and one man came under complete control and were set about very curious transactions, to the great delight of the audience. The entertainment was received with shouts of laughter, and was very interesting. Indeed, some of the auditors became so excited that it was difficult to say which end of the room was the most completely psychologized. On Thursday evening the Professor gave a performance at East Medway.

E. B. OTIS, ESQ.—A small party of friends passed a delightful day last week at the residence of this gentleman in Charles River Village. The mansion and grounds have undergone extensive alterations during the year past, and Turtle Island is rapidly becoming a centre of interest.

THE GROVE was occupied on Thursday, the 7th, by a party from the Orthodox Society of Newton Centre. The proprietor is projecting yet more improvements in his Park.

REV. DR. THOMPSON of Jamaica Plain is expected to occupy the Unitarian pulpit next Sunday.

D. D. CURTIS has recently been called to Maine by the death of his father.

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Circle. Mrs Hewins' June 9 Thurs

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Wooden Wedding. of Rev. Wm Brown at Sherborn. Town Hall.
Pastor present & made the presentation Speech.

MEDFIELD.

THE FIRST GRAND PICNIC of the season came off at Curtis grove on Wednesday, June 15th, under the flag of the Church of the Unity, of Boston, of which Rev. G. H. Hepworth was formerly pastor. The morning train brought 300 happy faces of boys, girls, and adults. The business men came in a later train in large numbers, and many were in attendance chiefly that they might make the acquaintance of the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Schermerhorn, and wife. The exercises opened with a most sensible and earnest prayer, offered by the minister, followed by a hymn sung by the children and others. Music furnished by a part of the Germania band kept dozens tripping on the "light fantastic toe." Ont of doors there were sack-races, jumping, wheelbarrow trundling, and other games. A collation was served at two o'clock. Rev. J. H. Wiggin asked the blessing. Rev. W. H. Cudworth of East Boston read the following original hymn, written by Wm. H. Baldwin, which was sung to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne:"—

Should "auld acquaintance" be forgot,
On this bright, joyous day—
When parents, teachers, children, all
Have met for sports and play?
No, no,—we'll shake with hearty hands,
Let woods with gladness ring,
And youth and age, within this grove,
Loud songs of welcome sing.

Our *new acquaintance* here we'll greet,
As with one grateful heart
To heaven that he was kindly sent
To fill the shepherd's part.
A cordial welcome too, to those
Who make his home so dear,
May he and they and all this throng,
In friendship true draw near.

God bless the future of this flock,
Through coming days defend!
To pastor, people, children, all
Thy choicest favors send.
May health and peace surround their steps,
With union steadfast, strong:
Then from our hearts we'll send to heaven
Our sincere, grateful song.

After dinner, which was most bountiful, the strawberries struggling with the ice-cream for the mastery, the games and dances continued till the shrill whistle of the locomotive called to departure. The only accident was the ducking of a young lady who tried to be the "Lady of the Lake" in a waiting skiff.

Mr. Curtis has done much to make the grove attractive. Boats have been placed upon the water, a force pump, driven by water power, keeps a fountain in jets, and supplies a huge soapstone tank with fresh water. Indeed there is every thing to make the place attractive. No wonder there were sundry seekers for summer board near so delightful a spot.

OTHER PICNICS.—On Thursday the 16th, Curtis grove was the scene of another picnic, held by the Sunday-school of the South Boston Baptist Society. Two or three hundred were in attendance. On Friday evening came a small private croquet party from Newton. New lamp shades, made for out door use, greatly facilitate lighting the park.

NORFOLK.—Rev. J. H. Wiggin of this town is to preach by request in the old church in Norfolk, formerly North Wrentham, next Sunday evening, June 25th, at six o'clock. In case of storm the service will be postponed.

RUNAWAY HORSE.—A horse belonging to John Jones, Esq., was frightened Friday evening, 17th, by foot-ball playing, near the Unitarian church, and considerably damaged the buggy to which he was attached. The game ought not to be permitted in the street.

HORSE THIEVES.—Placards are out to secure, if possible, the arrest of parties who stole a horse from the barn of Mr. Joseph L. Breck, on Dearth's Bridge road, the night of the 17th. Carraige and harness also disappeared.

THE BELL-RINGERS are to give an afternoon concert, and an evening concert and dance at the grove, on Friday, the 24th.

DEPOT.—The Central Station is raised and will be completed in a few weeks.

PICNIC

FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SOCIETY OF THE CHURCH OF THE UNITY.

The Sunday School will hold a Picnic at CURTIS' GROVE, MEDFIELD, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th inst.

A Special Train will leave the Boston and Albany Depot at 8.40 A.M. The tickets will also be good on the noon train leaving Boston at 12.15, and which will run a Special Car from Needham to Medfield to accommodate business men and others of the Society who cannot possibly go in the morning train.

The Special Train will return at 5.10 P.M. Tickets may be used on train which leaves Medfield at 4.06 P.M.

The price of tickets, which includes car fare, admittance to the grove, and dinner, has been fixed at $1.25 each, and *may now be obtained* of H. F. MILLER, JR., 344 Washington Street. IRA C. GRAY, 243 Washington Street, and at the Vestry on Tuesday Evening, 14th inst.

Tickets will be furnished to the members of the Sunday School FREE.

It is hoped that members of the Society will purchase their tickets EARLY AS POSSIBLE, so that the number who will probably attend may be ascertained, to enable the Committee to perfect all necessary arrangements.

The Committee on Amusements for the day will keep the little folks busy with games, croquet, sack races, running and jumping matches, etc.

Dancing in a large covered building. Music by the "Germania Band."

The Refreshment Committee will provide dinner for all, and ask for *liberal donations*, to be sent to the Vestry on Tuesday, June 14th, from 2 to 9 P.M., where a committee of ladies will be in charge.

The occasion will afford the parents and children an opportunity of meeting Rev. Mr. SCHERMERHORN and wife, who will be present.

A cordial invitation is extended to the parents and friends of the children in the Society to attend and co-operate with the Committee in making this, our first Picnic, a grand success.

Should the weather be *decidedly unfavorable*, the Picnic will be held on the first fair day.

HENRY F. MILLER, JR.
Chairman of Committee.

MRS. C. W. JONES, *for the Committee on Refreshments.*
MISS MARY C. BALDWIN, *for the Committee on Music and Dancing.*
GEORGE PEIRCE, *for the Committee on Amusements.*

BOSTON, June 4, 1870.

THE NORFOLK UNITARIAN CONFERENCE will meet in Dover next Wednesday, June 22d. An essay on "The Need of Parish Conferences to quicken religious life," will be given by Rev. Elisha Gifford of West Dedham.

EXCURSION.—The guests from this town at the late opening trip to Newport, over the new railroad, were Messrs. J. B. Hale and Caleb Hamant.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONCERT.—This pleasant service was held at the Second church, Sunday evening the 12th. After the usual services, under the direction of the Superintendent, Mr. George Fiske, addresses were made by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Eaton, F. Dana Ellis, Esq., and others.

PICNIC.—Plans are growing for a Union Town Picnic at Curtis grove on the 4th of July. Young and old like to make merry on Independence day, and to do so under orderly auspices is very desirable.

JOHN J. ADAMS, Esq., and family of New York, have just arrived in town, and intend spending the summer here.

In Medfield, Oct. 10, by Rev. J. H. Wiggin, at his residence, John Quiner to Miss Mary Susan Bowden, both of Marblehead.

Thieves.—The H. & E. depot was broken into on Saturday or Sunday night and robbed of some clothing belonging to the agent, Samuel Ellis, Esq., and prabably of some property of greater valne.

THE MAILS have once more turned a somersault and now come by the Mansfield & Framingham road. The hours at present are less convenient than by the Hartford & Erie route, but it remains to be seen what the future arrangements may be.

Order of Exercises

AT THE

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL DECORATION,

Medfield Mass., Tuesday May 31st. 1870.

Services will be held in the Baptist Church at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Post, No. 117, G. A. R., will form at Curtis Hall at 3 45 P. M. and escorted by the Band, will march to the church.

All persons in this vicinity, who have served the Union in either Army or Navy, are cordially invited and expected to join the ranks of the Post on this occasion.

EXERCISES IN THE CHURCH.

I. ORIGINAL HYMN, by B. J. Babcock.

Tune, "America."

O, Thou whose guardian hand,
Hath kept our native land;
Our joy and pride.
Thou, Thou, alone art King.
From Thee, all blessings spring;
Beneath thy sheltering wing,
Let us abide.

We come to day, to bring
The choicest flowers of Spring,
From hill and plain:
To scatter on the grave,
Of brothers, true and brave;
Who died our land to save.
From treason's stain.

They went with manly form,
Boldly to meet the storm,
Of war begun.
So teach us, Lord, to be
True to the right, and Thee,
'Till on the land and sea,
"Thy will be done."

II. PRAYER.

III. REMARKS AND ADDRESSES,
BY
Rev. C. C. Sewall, Rev. A. W. Carr. Rev. J. H. Wiggin,
and others.

IV. SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HYMN.

When flowery Summer is at hand,
And Spring has gemmed the earth with bloom,
We hither bring, with loving hand,
Bright flowers to deck our soldier's tomb.

Chorus. Gentle birds above are sweetly singing
O'er the graves of heroes, brave and true;
While the sweetest flowers we are bringing,
Wreathed in garlands of red, white and blue.

They died our country to redeem,
And from the loving earth we bring
The wealth of hill, and vale, and stream,
Our grateful land's best offering.
Chorus. Gentle birds, &c.

With snowy hawthorn clusters white,
Fair violets of heavenly blue,
And early roses, fresh and bright,
We wreath the red, and white and blue.
Chorus.

But purer than the fairest flowers,
We strew above the honored dead,
The tender changeless love of ours,
That decks the soldier's lowly bed.
Chorus.

We bend and kiss the precious sod,
Swift fall our tears the graves above,
Oh! Brothers! from the hills of God,
Look down and see our changeless love.
Chorus.

After the exercises in the church, a Procession will be formed in the following order:

Chief Marshall, J. B. HALE. ESQ.

Medfield Cornet Band. WM. R. SMITH, *Leader.*

POST NO. 117., G. A. R.
Discharged Soldiers and Sailors. H. J. DANIELS, *Commander.*

Public Schools. WM. S. TILDEN, *Marshall.*

Citizens, and the Public in general.

The Procession will move direct to the cemetery, where the graves to be decorated will be designated by small flags. The Procession will halt at the "Kingsbury Monument," where Prayer will be offered. After which will be sung, an

ORIGINAL HYMN, BY REV. C. C. SEWALL.

Tune "Holley."

Sanctify, O God! this hour;
Quicken, by thy grace, the power
To revive the buried past,
And the forms unseen recast.

Grant us all anew to feel
That we owe the nation's weal,
Through thy blessing, to the brave,
Who themselves to win it gave.

Tenderly, let gifts be spread
O'er the graves of all the dead,
By this bond to us allied,
That, for us it was, they died.

Bless the homes forever left;
Heal the wounded hearts bereft;
Let the promise of thy Son
Be their gain, through anguish won.

If again a time shall come,
Portent of the nation's doom,
Still the cry of others be
Death for me, or Liberty.

The Procession will again form, returning to the Baptist Church, and disperse.

It is hoped and expected that the Public, generally, will participate in the exercises of the occasion.

Spear, Printer, Melfield, Mass.

To the 1st Cong. *Church in* Medfield

under the pastoral charge of

Rev. Jas. H. Wiggin.

BRETHREN: —

The next Meeting of the "Norfolk Conference of Unitarian and other Christian Churches" will be held with the First Congregational Society in Quincy, Rev. J. D. Wells, Pastor, on WEDNESDAY, April 27, at 10, A.M.

Rev. William Brown, of Sherborn, will read an Essay on the question, "*How shall we best promote the healthy and vigorous Religious Life of our Churches?*" to be followed by discussion.

You are requested to be present, by your Pastor and at least six delegates.

Cars leave the Old Colony Station, Boston, at 9, A.M. Tickets, at reduced rates, may be obtained of the Secretary, at the Boston Station, on the morning of the meeting.

Yours in Christian Faith and Work,

FREDERIC HINCKLEY,

Secretary.

HARRISON SQUARE,
April 13, 1870.

MEDFIELD.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—The other evening two ladies were driving over the Charles River bridge on the Medway road. The horse was frightened by the shouts of the boys who were bathing in the water beneath, and commenced backing, which manœuvre he continued, regardless of the whip, till the wheel had slid along the railing to the unfenced portion of the bridge, and the carriage was on the verge of precipitation. One lady, with great presence of mind, sprang over the wheel. The other also disembarked, and, by her screams, alarmed the bathers who then ceased their clamor, and the journey was finished in safety.

REAL ESTATE.—The Ware place, opposite the Post-office, has been sold to Mr. James Clarke.

D. D. Curtis has disposed of his large stable on Jaynes avenue, and some of the land adjoining, to J. J. Adams.

BATHING.—There is complaint about the bathing in the pond behiud the cemetery. The town officers do not wish to prohibit this cleanly enjoyment, and propose making some restrictions in regard to the hours, so that ladies can visit their lots in the burial ground, without this annoyance, during the main portion of the day, and the boys enjoy their swim at other times.

PERSONAL.—The venerable Dr. Mason of Bangor passed Sunday in town.

Rev. F. B. Perkins of Jamaica Plain is here on a visit. Last Sunday he addressed the Sunday-school of the Orthodox society, and on Friday evening is to give the preparatory lecture.

PICNICS.—The grove was occupied on Wednesday, the 22d, by the Boston Old Colony Missiou Sunday-school; and on Thursday by the Boston New South Free Church, Rev. W. P. Tilden pastor.

LEAVITT'S BELL-RINGERS gave a juvenile coucert Friday afternoon, and a concert and dance iu the evening. Fair audiences were in attendance aud the baud was increased for the occasion.

EXPLOSION.—On Monday, the 27th, an Irishman, blasting rocks on Mr. Alouzo Parker's place, was somewhat severely injured in hands and face by a premature explosion.

FOOT-BALL.—Since the accident recorded last week to Mr. Jones' team, foot-ball has been banished to the fields.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH was closed for vacation, last Sunday.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS were in town on Monday, to determine the location of a new road, to run from Main street, near the centre of the town, towards Walpole. There is much difference of opinion among our citizens as to the best route.

Mr. Lucy of Canada and Providence has bought of J. J. Adams the cottage on North street. Mr. L. has already moved into town, and is open to business as a carpenter, and will be an additiou to the working force of the place.

The ladies of Rev. T. J. Mumford's Society, at Dorchester Lower Mills, will hold a fair and festival at Vose's Grove, Milton, on the Fourth of July. This grove is beautifully situated on the Neponset river, and is easily accessible by private conveyance and by the car on the Milton Branch Railway and the Dorchester avenue horse cars. A great variety of attractive, beautiful and useful articles will be offered for sale, besides a luxuriant abundance of refreshments, including a genuine Rocky Point clam chowder prepared by an experienced caterer. There will also be music and dancing on a mammoth platform. The grove will be handsomely decorated and festooned, and open to visitors from 10 A.M. until 8 P.M. The receipts of the fair are to be douated to the erection of a chapel for the use of the society. No more attractive place in which to pass the Fourth can be fouud than that offorded by this festival.

DOVER.

The Norfolk Unitarian Conference held its last meeting on Wednesday, Jnne 22d. Delegates were present from twenty-one churches, the largest number (forty) being from Medfield. The Dorchester and Roxbury churches still belong to this conference and gave a goodly representation via the extra train from Boston. A short prayer meeting was held at the opening, conducted by Rev. J. H. Wiggin, and participated in by Messrs. Park, Stacey and Smith. At 11 o'clock, the President, Hon. John C. Park, took the chair. The Secretary, Rev. F. W. Hinkeley, read the records of the Quincy meeting. The president made a speech of welcome. Rev. Elisha Gifford of West Dedham then read the essay on the "Need of Parish Conferences (Prayer meetings) to quicken religious life," and it was one of the best papers ever read in the conference. Mrs. Sarah Dow of South Natick read, in a wonderfully clear voice, a fine article on Grove meetings. Rev. J. W. Thompson of Jamaica Plain referred to his ministry in Natick 40 years ago, and produced a sermon which, in 1830, he read at the Dover preparatory lecture for Rev. Ralph Sanger. The Dr. then made feeling allusions to Dr. Lamson, Rev. Mr. White, and other goodly pastors of that day. Rev. G. W. Stacey spoke to the subject. Dr. Thompson gave an account of one of Prof. Tourjee's Praise Meetings held at his church; and from time to time added other reminiscences of the departed. Rev. Adams Ayer related an anecdote of some differing theologians in a Cunard steamer who, in danger, prayed themselves into the unity of the spirit. The President spoke again, and then called upon W. H. Baldwin of the Young Men's Christian Union, who made an excellent address on the need of positive preaching. Rev. H. Alger closed with prayer.

The collation was served in the grove, near the church, and was a great success.

In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Battelle, a Baptist clergyman residing in Dover, opened with prayer. Rev. Mr. Smith offered a resolutiou of thanks to Dover, and Rev. C. S. Locke of West Dedham (the incumbent of the Dover parish), responded humorously. Rev. Mr. Wiggin gave his idea of the analysis of the central work of the Church, by stated preaching, by Sunday instruction with maps, etc., and by free and easy conferences, which latter the Unitarians much need. Rev. G. F. Piper of Canton gave his parochial experience in such meetings. The president asked Mr. Locke some questions about the Dover services and feasibility of the conference there. Rev. J. D. Wells of Quincy thought social meetings for games and chat quite as useful as formal conferences. Rev. Geo. Hill of South Dedham thought such meetings difficult to uphold, and narrated his experience. Mr. Gragg of Roxbury said the almighty dollar stood in the way of Almighty God with men. Rev. Mr. Smith spoke of the failure of the laity to come to time in such social religious efforts.

The church was elegantly trimmed with flowers, and Rev. F. C. Williams of Hyde Park proposed that they be sent to Hollis street church for the Flower Missiou to the sick and old. Mr. Gifford alluded to the "divinity of Christ" question, to which Mr. Baldwin had first alluded in a short speech, called out by Mr. Williams on Grove and Theatre Preaching. The hour for adjournment having arrived, the president spoke the parting words and the secretary gave the benediction.

The Second

Congregational Society

OF HYDE PARK

Will have a

PICNIC EXCURSION

AT

CURTIS GROVE, MEDFIELD,

On TUESDAY, JULY 19th.

The train going to Medfield, via Walpole, will leave the Boston, Hartford & Erie Depot, Hyde Park at its regular hour of 8.29 A.M. Returning from Medfield, the train will leave that place at 5.15 P.M.

Parties attending the Excursion are particularly reminded to carry baskets containing their refreshments with them, as no public table will be provided.

TICKETS, for Adults $1.25
or Children under 12 years of age ..... .50
To be had of JAMES PATTERSON, at the Everett House, Mr. DICKEY, firm of Dickey & Ireland, and of HENRY C. ADAMS, at the Post-office.

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Medfield.

MEMORIAL DAY was observed on Tuesday, the 31st, owing to the unavoidable absence of the Cornet Band the day before. Between three and four o'clock Post 117 G.A.R. met at Curtis Hall and was escorted by the Band to the Baptist Church. Many soldiers from Medway and other towns were present, and, with the pupils of the public schools, occupied the front pews. The following original hymn, by B. J. Babcock, was sung to the tune of "America:"

O Thou whose guardian hand
Hath kept our native land,
Our joy and pride;
Thou, Thou, alone art King,
From Thee, all blessings spring;
Beneath thy sheltering wing,
Let us abide.

We come to-day, to bring
The choicest flowers of spring
From hill and plain:
To scatter on the grave
Of brothers true and brave,
Who died our land to save
From treason's stain.

They went with manly form,
Boldly to meet the storm
Of war begun.
So teach us, Lord, to be
True to the right and Thee,
Till on the land and sea
"Thy will be done."

Prayer was offered by the pastor of the church, Rev. A. W. Carr, who then with a few words of preface introduced Rev. J. H. Wiggin, and afterwards the other speakers, in very felicitous words. Mr. Wiggin spoke of the elasticity of human nature which often makes us forget the past, and hence the excellence of Decoration Day, which reminds us of the Liberty war, as the 4th of July of the Revolution. It was fitting that *soldiers* should lead the way to soldiers' graves, since the trials of the tented field welded comrades together into one family. Only soldiers can belong to the G.A.R., and some day it must become extinct. In less than a century, not a comrade will be left to tell the tale by actual experience. The speech closed with a quotation from Whittier.

Captain-Colonel Dr. Stedman, of Jamaica Plains, referred very touchingly to the Post and his company.

F. Dana Ellis, Esq., made some patriotic remarks, and moved that a priuted list of all who enlisted from Medfield be so prepared that every family may have a copy.

Dr. Richardson was called for, but was absent, and so was Rev. C. C. Sewall, who had been advertised to speak, but was unable to be present. The soldiers' memorial hymn, "When Flowery Summer is at hand," was sung under the direction of Wm. S. Tilden, who presided at the organ. The procession was then formed and marched to the cemetery, and the flowers (prepared in the forenoon by the ladies) deposited upon the graves designated by small flags. At the Kingsbury monument, prayer was offered by Mr. Wiggin, after which was sung the following origiual hymn, by Rev. C. C. Sewall, to the tune of "Holley:"

Sanctify, O God! this hour;
Quicken, by thy grace, the power
To revive the buried past,
And the forms unseen reeast.

Grant us all anew to feel
That we owe the nation's weal,
Through thy blessing, to the brave,
Who themselves to win it gave.

Tenderly let gifts be spread
O'er the graves of all the dead,
By this bond to us allied,
That for us it was they died.

Bless the homes forever left;
Heal the wounded hearts bereft;
Let the promise of thy Son
Be their gain, through anguish won.

If again a time shall come
Portent of the nation's doom,
Still the cry of others be
Death for me, or Liberty.

With the benediction the audience dispersed. On the way home the Band played at the house of Mr. Joseph Clark, a comrade unable to leave his bed on account of an accident.

The members of the Post returned to the hall and had a coffee collation, after which they passed the time till 8 1-2 o'clock in little speeches full of reminiscences. So closed a very delightful service.

CHURCH OF THE UNITY PICNIC.

CURTIS' GROVE, MEDFIELD,

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1870.

PRAYER.

HYMN.

FOR A SABBATH SCHOOL EXCURSION.

AWAY, dull care and sorrow!
Here is no place for you:
Let labor come to-morrow;
This day to joy is due.
Bright youth and rosy childhood
With jocund hearts now meet,
All in the fragrant wildwood,
For song and pastime sweet.

On mossy banks reclining,
In glen or dingle deep,
We'll watch the sunbeam shining,
Where shaded waters sleep;
O'er hill and valley ranging,
With eager step and light,
Behold their beauties changing,
Dream-like upon the sight.

Yet, Father, rich as floweth
Thy love where'er we look,
More bright and pure it gloweth
Within thy Holy Book;
May we, that love embracing,
On earth its praises tell;
Then, all its wonders tracing,
In heaven for ever dwell.

HYMN.

WRITTEN FOR THIS OCCASION.

Tune, "Auld Lang Syne."

SHOULD "auld acquaintance" be forgot,
On this bright, joyous day —
When parents, teachers, children, all
Have met for sports and play?
No, no, — we'll shake with hearty hands,
Let woods with gladness ring,
And youth, and age, within this grove,
Loud songs of welcome sing.

Our *new acquaintance* here we'll greet,
As with one grateful heart
To heaven that he was kindly sent
To fill the shepherd's part.

A cordial welcome too, to those
Who make his home so dear,
May he, and they, and all this throng,
In friendship true draw near.

God bless the future of this flock,
Through coming days defend;
To pastor, people, children, all
Thy choicest favors send.
May health and peace surround their steps,
With union steadfast, strong,
Then from our hearts we'll send to Heaven,
Our sincere, grateful song.

On the arrival of the train at Medfield, a procession will be formed and march to the Grove, under the charge of HENRY F. MILLER, Jr.

DINNER AT 1 1-2 O'CLOCK.

The Special Train will return at 5.10 P.M. Tickets may be used on train which leaves Medfield at 4.06 P.M.

Needham. July 1870

This being the season for picnics, the Unitarian Society of this town took the initiative on Thursday, the tweuty-first, going to Curtis' beautiful grove at Medfield. Though rather cloudy in the morning, a goodly number, consistiug of the society, sabbath school, and a general sprinkling of friends, assembled at the Needham Plain Station, takiug the eight o'clock train, while those more easily frightened by a cloud, went by the half past ten train, in all numbering one hundred and forty persons, loaded with baskets. On arriving at Medfield, a wagon was waitiug to take the baskets to the cook-house, thus leaving all "heart and hand free" to climb the hill not to "Miltou's Paradise Lost," but to Curtis' Paradise Found, when, after a short rest to take breath, there was a general scattering of the yonug folks for swings, boats, croquet, etc, while some eujoyed themselves by singing and listening to a few remarks from the Rev. Mr. Wiggin of Medfield, and the Rev. A. B. Vorse, *our pastor*, who eau enjoy a good time as well as write good sermons.

Dinner was announced at about one o'clock; the tables being set in common, one could see what was in those baskets. I think each had tried to out do their neighbor in quantity and quality, to which ample justice was done. After diuner, the sound of music brought many to the floor, where those so disposed could trip the light fantastic toe, which opportunity was improved by many, while others engaged themselves in various ways till time to depart for home, which we did at half past five, every thing having passed off pleasantly, nothing occurring to mar the happiness of any.

TAUNTON came to Medfield 500 strong last Thursday, the Unitarian and Universalist societies uniting. Rev. Mr. Sloss, from Indiana, of the old-school Pesbyterian body, offered the opeuing prayer. Rev. Mr. Hamblin, the Taunton City Missionary, asked the blessing. There were present also, to represent the clergy, the pastors of the two churches, Rev. Fielder Israel and Mr. Conger, and Rev. Wm. Brown of Sherborn, besides one of the Medfield clergy. The grove resounded with music from a fine band; pop corn flourished, and the party came via Mansfield. There are to be three Unitarian picnics here next week.

SUMMER BOARDERS are, as usual, as numerous as circumstances will allow. Among them are the families of Mr. Fowle, the well-known clothier, at Mr. Henry Wight's, and Mr. Jacob Pfaff of lager fame, at Mr. Elman Mason's.

REV. A. W. CARR has returned from his vacation, and the Baptist church is open once more.

THE SCHOOLS held their examinations this week, and closed for the summer vacation of six weeks.

BLAKE PARKER is again very ill, with paralysis.

THE NEW ROAD to the depot is open for travel, but not yet in good travelling order.

July 1870

Parish Events. May. 1870

Wedding. Pastor's Residence. Mon. May 9th.
Emmons Mellen Standish 19. Holliston.
Mrs. Erlevile (Hildreth) Gassett. 22. Milford.

Circle. Thurs. May 5. Mrs. J. W. Page.

Coterie. for Children's Mission.
Curtis Hall. Fri. Eve. May 13.
"Midshipman" as given recently.
"Women's Rights". Mr. & Mrs. Manly. Albert Stone & Mrs. Grover
Mystilla. Carrie Frost.
Servents. Mary Merrins & Miss Bruce.
"City Famishing". Addie Mason & Jennie Clarke.
"Quaker Widow." by Bayard Taylor — read by Abbie Hartshorn.
Recitations. Eliza Richardson.
Mabel Morse.
Tableaux. "Spring." Fred Thompson. & Mabel Morse.
"Prayer." Annie Richardson.
"Young America."
"Children at Play."

In Medfield, Sunday, June 5th, at the minister's residence, by Rev. J. H. Wiggin, Frederick J. Clarke to Sophia Howarth, both of Holliston.

In Medfield, June 26th, by Rev. J. H. Wiggin, at the residence of David B. Dyer, Albert C. Bunker to Rosa F. Weiker, all of Medfield.

THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITARIAN MINISTERS in this region was held on Tuesday, May 10, with Rev. C. C. Sewall as Moderator. The day was selected because it was the reverend gentleman's birth-day, and the gathering was the largest that has taken place for several years, and exceedingly pleasant. Mr. Sewall read an excellent sermon on the "Difficulties of the Old Testament," which evoked a very spirited and interesting conversation.

CURTIS GROVE.—D. D. Curtis is making great improvements in his already beautiful grove, introducing a pond and force-pumps for drinking-water. The new railroad brings the park into near communication with many places. The proprietor is always ready to grant favorable terms to religious and philanthropic societies. We hope to see multitudes throng its "sounding aisles" this summer.

In Medfield, May 19th, at the residence of Mrs. Gershom Adams, by Rev. J. H. Wiggin, Joseph L. Breck to Miss Julia A. Mullen, both of Medfield.

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL PARISH.—Mr. Warren Cheuery has offered to this society a parsonage, provided the parish will repair the church and build a chapel, expending about $3000. A considerable portion of this sum has been pledged, and it is to be hoped that before long Mr. Chenery's generous proffer may be practically and fully accepted. Some generous subscriptions have already been made.

HOLBROOKS.—East Medway almost belongs to its neighbor Medfield, and the intercourse between the towns is very frequent. Mr. George Holbrook has just cast a chime of bells for the Weymouth Baptist Church; and Mr. Edwin Holbrook is building four large organs for different places. The more the merrier.

THE CHURCH OF THE UNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL, Boston, is to have its annual picnic in Curtis Grove. The day was first appointed for June 22d, but has been changed to the 15th, in order that their new minister, Rev. Mr. Schermerhorn, may be present with the society.

GOOD TEMPLARS.—Some changes have necessarily been made in the officers of Medfield Union Lodge. Rev. A. W. Carr is Worthy Chief; Bennett Wilson, Financail Secretary; Albert Stone, Recording Secretary, and Rev. J. H. Wiggin, Chaplain; and these gentlemen were regularly installed Tuesday evening, May 10th.

CATHOLIC SERVICES.—Rev. Father Brennan, of Dedham, celebrated mass at Curtis' Hall last Sunday morning. The Irish people of the town are numerous, and some of them of the better sort. It is singular, therefore, that Catholic services are not oftener held in town.

EXHIBITION.—The coteric for the benefit of the Boston Children's Mission took place Friday evening, the 13th, at Curtis Hall. The juvenile opera "The Midshipman," which gave much pleasure a month ago, was repeated and constituted the *chef-d'œuvre*. There were also two dialogues, "City Famishing," and "Woman's Rights," recitations and tableaux. Financial result—net, fifteen dollars for the charity.

MADE LAND.—Medfield is getting up quite a Back Bay in the way of new *terra firma*. Two more buildings have rolled through the streets and at least taken up their abode at the foot of Jaynes avenue. The site of the long-expected town house is now clear, and the committee matures its plans for building.

THE OLD PEAK HOUSE, supposed by some to have been standing during King Phillip's war, was put up at auction, by Michael Callahan, on Tuesday, Oct. 4th. It was bid off at $564, but this *sale* proved a *sell*, and the owner's proposed "departure for his native country" is indefinitely postponed.

Coterie for the Sunday School.
Curtis Hall. Fri. Eve. 15 April.

Declamations by Eliza Richardson
Annie " Mabel Morse.

Shakespeare. Readings from "Merchant of Venice" by
Miss Sarah Ellis, Albert Balch, Mrs & Mr. Wiggin

Opera. "The Midshipman"
An Opera, the words adapted to 8 common airs.

Mrs. Loring.	Ella Allen.
Annie "	Annie Clarke.
Girls. "	Jennie "
	Emma Bruce.
Rosa - a friend.	Almira "
Bridget.	Mary Hewins

Tony Loring - the Middy - Albert Stone.
Brother Alfred. Nat Allen.

Very well done.

Tableaux. "Woman's Rights." 2 Scenes.
Extempore. "Dull Sermon"
"Caught in the Act."

Dance - Closed the entertainment.

School next Sunday voted to repeat with Changes for the benefit of Children's Mission
Albert Stone & Mrs. Geo. Morse - Committee.

Opera.—Occasionally social gatherings, called Coteries, are held by the First Parish, for entertainment and benevolence. Those who go, either do something for general enjoyment, or pay a small fine. A coterie was held at Curtis' Hall Friday evening, April 15th, for the benefit of the Sunday-school. About a hundred persons were present. Several little girls recited pieces. A couple of scenes from Shakspeare's "Merchant of Venice" were read. Then Mr. Albert B. Balch, the Director, announced the main feature of the evening, an English opera, introduced thus into Medfield for the first time. The piece, called "The Midshipman," is in several scenes, and consists entirely of singing, the words being adapted to common tunes. It was excellently executed by Misses Mary Hewins, Ella Allen, Almira and Emma Bruce, Annie and Jennie Clarke, and Messrs. Albert Stone and Nathaniel Allen. Miss Hattie Robinson presided at the organ, other members of the school sharing the outside work and joining in the choruses. This performance was followed by some "tableaux extemporaneous," and the assemblage broke up with a little music and dancing.

Hyde Park, April 21, 1870.

Having invited Rev. Francis C. Williams to be our minister, and he having accepted our invitation, we have appointed April 24th for his installation, at 7 1-2, P. M., and affectionately invite you to be present by your pastor and delegates on the occasion.

Yours fraternally,

THEODORE D. WELD,
WM. J. STUART,
D. D. RANLETT,
B. C. VOSE,
L. H. STRAW,
R. B. PLUMMER,

Executive Committee of Second Congregational Society, Hyde Park.

Attended by Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Wheeler - pastor & wife Rev. J. H. Wiggin read the Scriptures.

Prayer. Gershom Adams. Mch 2[illegible]st 1870.

Parish Meeting. Mon. March. 14.
Chas Hamant – moderator. L Ellis. Clerk
Henry Snow. Adjt. one week.
Mon. Mch 21. 1 p.m.
Chas. Hamant, D. D. Curtis & Moses Hawthorn
Standing Committee.
Geo. W. Kingsbury: Collector & treasurer.
L. Ellis, Chs. Hamant Auditors.
$600 assessed on pews.
Messrs Curtis, Hamant & Kingsbury appointed to solicit subscriptions additional – say $100, – that the parish may not fall short.

Death. Gershom Adams Apr. 6.
Buried Sat. " 9. by pastor.

Silver Wedding. Samuel & Martha Ellis. East Day. Apr. 7.
Their little daughter very ill at the time.
Died Apr. 22. Vide Sunday 24.

Sewing Circle. Mrs. Hewins. P.M. April. 21. 1870. Thur.

Death. Mr. J. Harding Smith of Milford, a Son of Geo. A. Smith of this parish, died unexpectedly Apr. 20. aet.

The death of Masonic Brother J. Harding Smith, on Wednesday evening last, at his home on Jefferson street, was one of those incomprehensible providences, for which we look in vain to find a sufficient reason. Young, gifted—so necessary to the circle of friends who loved him, so valuable as a citizen of the town—our heads are bowed down with grief, and the heart refuses to be comforted in view of the great loss. A merchant of the strictest, most unswerving honesty, a public spirited man, so genial, so kind,—so prized that all were glad to call him friend, and all felt honored in his friendship, his place can never be filled. Another may come whom we shall love as well, but it will not be our brother and friend who is now looking back from the spirit land.

The disease of which our brother died was an aggravated form of diphtheria, developed from measles. He was recoverlug from the measles, and was considered quite out of danger, when the diptheria set in, with an unusual degree of virulence. His case was not considered critical until Wednesday noon, at which time it was decided to call a council of doctors, by whom it was soon ascertained that he could live but a few hours. The last measure known to the medical faculty, for arresting the dread disease, was resorted to, but all of no avail: his spirit was called for the final departure at about seven o'clock, and the house was left desolate. The blow falls with crushing severity upon his family—a wife and two children, who have the warm sympathy of the entire town. But alas! this cannot comfort them. The bitterness of the dregs in the cup is theirs, and we cannot share it. Brother Smith will be buried to-day (Saturday). The funeral will be conducted by the Masonic fraternity—blue lodge—of which he was a much loved brother and among whom he was greatly distinguished as a worker. Who that was present at the last two public installations of officers of Montgomery Lodge, will ever forget the dignity and grace—all so natural to him—with which he performed the duties of Marshal—the last occasion particularly, when we well remember the honored presence of our friend Rev. Adin Ballou, the one showing the grace and loveliness of a good old age, and the other the beauty and freshness and fulness of a perfect manhood? Brother Smith was a Knight Templar, but in defference to his known wishes, as shown on a funeral occasion some time ago, the services of the Blue Lodge (Master Masons) will be performed, in which lodge all the great principles of masonry are embraced and active. He was 38 years old.

Brother Smith has resided in Milford twenty years. His business life in the town commenced in the store kept in the old brick church block, where now is Hixon's auction room. Here he was a clerk, for two or three years. His first proprietorship in the line of a merchant was in company with Mr. E. S. Thayer, the firm being Thayer & Smith, and their store was in the room now occupied by C. O. Mott. They remained there but a little while, and the store in the Alhambra block,—of late years J. H. Smith & Co., has been kept about fifteen years. As a business man Brother Smith was best known among our Milford people; although he possessed, in a good degree, all the pleasing arts which make a natural gentleman a pleasant companion. Our readers—those who did not know him—must bear with us in thus dwelling so lovingly upon his character. The little we can say of him will never more affect him; but these words of praise are valuable to us, and to all who knew him, for so do we express the feelings of the stricken hearts who now mourn his loss. May we all be the better for this affliction, and where he has gone may we, too, go; for good men like him must surely go where the happiness is never ending.

As a proper token of respect to the memory of Brother Smith, all the stores in town, as we are informed, are to be closed between 11 and 1 o'clock to-day—the time of the funeral solemnities.

Marriage — Dec. 9 Geo L. Dodge (3d) & Miss Julia Williams. (2d) at David Dyer's. by Pastor. fee $5.

" — Medway Village Dec. 23. by pastor Rev. Ellery Channing Butler of Fairhaven Ms. & Miss Mary Adelaide Carey. of Medway. fee $10. returned in ~~gift~~ to the bride

Burial. — Marion Wright. 2 y. Scarlet fever. Child of Hamlet Wright & wife. House. Jan. 17. Mon. 1870. Pastor officiating.

Circle. — Moses Hartshorn's. Jan. 19. 1870.

Ministerial Associations — Rev. Geo. Hill. to. Dedham. Jan. 5.
Rev. C. S. Locke. West " Feb. 1.

Circle. — Mrs. Thompson's Eve. West Feb. 23.

Paralysis. — Gilman Carey of East Medway had a stroke in latter Feb.

Fever. — Dr. Richardson's - prayer Sun. eve. Feb. 27.

Heart Disease — Gershom Adams. prayer. Tues. March 8 1870.

Death. — Annie Richardson - Child of Dr. R. 5 y.
Fri. - Mch. 4. Scarlet fever.
Buried. Sun. p.m. 6th Mch. from house by Pastor.
Quartette singing: Mr. & Mrs. Fearns & Mr. & Mrs. Wheeler.

Opera. — Rehearsal at Mr. Fearns - Mch. 3.
" " " " " 10.
" " Pastor's. " 21.

Circle. — Mrs. Geo. Morse. Thurs. eve. Mch 10.
" " Geo. Smith's. " " " 24.
Matter of appropriating money for parsonage broached.

" — Mrs. Robert Pope Jr. Apr. 6.

Singing School. Dec. 31. 1869.
" Jan 3. 1870.
" 10. " Dittos 7.

Circle. Mrs. Geo. M. Smiths: Jan 6th

Organ Voted unanimously to purchase a Melodeon for the Sunday School use, cost not to exceed $125.

Messrs C. Wheeler, D. Richardson & the pastor chosen committee.

Arrangements at once made for a Mason & Hamblin Metropolitan Organ. Cost with stool & rich cloth - $125.00

Placed in chh for sem. Jan. 16. Mr D. D. Curtis & others propose pay $50 more & getting a larger instrument.

Cloth unsatisfactory.

Singing School.
Jan 14. Fri.
" 17. Mon.
" 21 Fri.
" 24 Mon.
" 28 Fri.
" 31. Mon.
Feb. 4. Fri.

14 in all. Cost $98.00.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mrs. B. J. Babcock died on the night of the 31st ult. Mrs. Babcock was an estimable member of the Baptist Church, and much valued by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

BURIAL SERVICES over the remains of the late Mrs. B. J. Babcock took place at the Baptist Church on Friday, Juue 3d. The house was crowded with warmly sympathizing friends. Rev. Mr. Fairbanks of South Dedham, her former pastor here, preached a very earnest sermon on the text, "We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The other services were by Rev. A. W. Carr, the present pastor; and the music was well rendered by the united choirs of the different societies.

DEPOT.—The freight building at the Central station rapidly approaches completion. The citizens unite with the corporation and in subscribing enough stock to build a handsome house, which is expected soon to be under way.

BUILDING REMOVED.—Mr. D. D. Curtis' stable has been removed from Main street to the new-made land abreast the engine-house.

Circle. Pastor's. Wed Feb 9. Nobody out. Snow.

Coterie. Curtis Hall. A few young people & games. A failure on the whole.

Music. Class of boys to learn tenor at the pastor's Wed Eve. Feb. 16.

Opera. Some young folks met at the pastor's to prepare for an exhibition. Feb. 23.

Marriage. By Rev. C C. Sewall
Thanksgiving Eve. Nov. 18.
Asa Clarke (3d) & Mrs. Reeny.

" David Dyer's. Eve. 9 Dec by pastor.
Geo L. Dodge (3d) of Boston.
& Julia A Williams (2d). of ditto

Singing School. 1st session of a free parish school was held in Curtis hall. Eve Dec. 15
A good school. Mr. Edwin Holbrook of East Medway, teacher.
$50 already collected for it.

Circle. Dr. Richardson's. Eve. 9 Dec. 1869.

Singing Sch. Mon. Eve. Dec. 20. Progress.
" " " " 27.
" "Forest" Collection bought & used.

Circle. With the Misses Wight: Thur. Dec. 23.

Xmas Festival. Xmas Eve. 24th Dec. at Curtis Straw Shop. Room below, oysters served. Above Cake, Candy & Coffee: on sale. In Sewing hall games & dancing. Mr. Robert Pope played the Violin. The children sang 3 Carols which they had learned in the pastor's parlor the Mon. eve. Previous. Scholars in Sunday School admitted free. ~~Others~~ paid 15 cts. Receipts over $60. Profits over $40 & be given to the singing school.
Little trouble & much joy. Never saw a jollier gathering. Mrs. Wiggin did very much to start the young folks into activity.

List of articles sent to Louisville (Ky) Chh to help a fair, the proceeds to furnish the new chh.

$ 5.00	2 sets table mats @ 2.50
1.75	1 " " "
2.52	6 dining bibs @ .42.
.50	1 pair suspenders.
2.00	Lady's Sacque.
1.50	2 Aprons @ .75.
.87	1 "
.50	1 "
1.25	1 "
1.00	Breakfast Shawl.
1.00	Worsted Cushion.
.62	Standard Emery Cushion.
.75	Roll needle book.
.50	Bag " "
.25	Infant Socks.
3.75	3 " Sacque @ 1.25.
1.00	4 Pictures @ .25.
.34	2 Neck Ties @ 17
.40	4 Pincushions @ 10
.25	Boot Sheath for Knitting needles.
.62	1 pair pillow cases.
.50	Box toys.
1.75	Child's Frock
$ 28.62	

J. HARDING SMITH, aged 38, died at Milford, April 20, very unexpectedly. Mr. Smith was a native of Medfield and the only son of Geo. M. Smith and wife, of this place. He was greatly beloved by his friends, and at the time of his death was Commander of the Knights Templar in Milford, under whose auspices the burial took place on Saturday, April 23d. Services by Rev. G. L. Demarest of the Universalist Church. Mr. Smith leaves a widow and two boys to mourn his loss.

Medfield.

THE UNITARIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL remembered, with appropriate music, last Sunday, Mary Ann Ellis, aged 15, daughter of Samuel and Martha Ellis, and grand-daughter of John Ellis, Esq.; she being the first regular member of the school who has died for three years or more. At her burial on Monday, the 25th, Rev. S. W. Bush, the former pastor of the church, assisted Rev. Mr. Wiggin in the services; the Christmas class, to which she belonged, sang "Shall we gather at the River?" and Miss Robinson, a song, "Over the River." The departed was a loving and lovable girl of amiable spirit, an apt scholar, a lover of music. She met death as a Christian girl should, kissing all a happy "Good-bye." She passed unto the shadows leaning on her mother's arm, and unseen hands upheld her.

ACCIDENT.—A horse belonging to Mr. Wm. Kingsbury ran away on Saturday, May 27, with Mr. Joseph Clarke, on North street. Mr. Clarke, was sitting on barrels of shavings which he was bringing from the mill. Finding that his safety lay in jumping, he sprang from the wagon, and struck the ground with force enough to break the bones of his left ankle. Mr. Clarke was immediately cared for and the bones set by Dr. Richardson, but an industrious citizen will be long detained from his customary labors.

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Circle. Nov. 25. 1869. Mrs. Geo. W. Kingsbury.
Few present.

Book Club. Mrs. Balch's annual meeting Nov. 26 Fri.
Mrs. J. H. Wiggin continues Secretary & Treasurer.

FAIR PLAY.

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"HIS MOTHER MADE HIM A LITTLE COAT."

Wm. B. Fowle (?) 1 Sam. ii: 19.

MOTHER, an unclothed soul thy arms now fondly bear;
See that the garment thou shalt make is wrought with faithful care.
Make it a little coat without a seam of sin;
The outward part humility, and charity within.

Add to it sleeves of love, embracing all mankind;
The buttons choose of burnished truth, the emblem of the mind.
Engirdle it around with conscientiousness,
That every word may wisdom prove, and every action bless.

Make it of purest, richest dye, fit for the marriage feast,
Then at the supper of the Lamb he'll be a welcome guest;
No varying fashion's change its fitness may impair,
No moth its texture may destroy, or mar its beauty rare.

'Twill be a fitting garb to wear 'mid toils of earth;
'Twill be a bright and glorious robe at his immortal birth.
Then, mother, ceaseless work, this garment to prepare,
In hope you may the heavenly bliss of him thou clothest share.

TRUE LIBERALITY IN NORFOLK COUNTY.

Pastor.

THIS church belongs to the "Norfolk Conference of Unitarian and other Christian Churches." The last session of this body was held in South Framingham, where an effort is making to establish a liberal church. We had expected to assemble in Waverly Hall, but, to our glad surprise, the *Baptist* church was opened and warmed for the conference; and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Filmer, being invited to a seat with us, made a speech, full of the best Christian and catholic spirit, encouraging the new enterprise. The evening preaching was held in the same place. Such instances of fair play and genuine liberality are as refreshing as they are rare.

There are about fifteen *villages* in Norfolk County, where pure Christianity, as we understand it, is not preached.

Plans are in progress to speak our word of truth in each of these places.

Paid for $10 — by Wm. B. Lewis Esq. of Framingham.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Pastor

OUR school is officered as follows: —

Superintendent	MOSES HARTSHORN
Secretary	LOUIS GOULDING.
Organist	HATTIE ROBINSON.
Librarian and Treasurer	G. W. KINGSBURY.
Assistant Librarian	CHARLES WARD.
Pastor	J. H. WIGGIN.

There are nineteen teachers: —

Mrs. Gershom Adams.	Miss Sarah Bosworth.
,, William Hewins.	,, Elizabeth Richardson.
,, Elman Mason.	,, Sarah Wight.
,, Thaddeus Daniels.	,, Hepsy Wight.
,, George Morse.	,, Augusta Hosmer.
,, L. M. Thompson.	,, Julia Mullen.
,, Gilman Carey.	Mr. Samuel Green.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pope, Jr.	,, Henry Richardson.
Pastor and Wife.	

CLASSES.

OUR Sunday school is divided into nineteen classes, as follows: —

Pastor.

No. Scholars.	Name.	Sex.	Class Day.
4	Christmas.	Girls.	Sunday before Christmas.
7	Whitsunday.	,,	Whitsunday.
7	Myrtle.	,,	July.
7	New Year's.	,,	New-Year's Sunday.
7	Bethlehem.	,,	August.
4	Starr King.	Young ladies.	March Sunday. S. K.'s Death.
5	Channing.	,, ,,	October. Channing's Death.
7	Beecher.	,, ,,	August.
7	Whittier.	,, ,,	Sept. Sun. Pastor's Anniversary.
10	Unitarian.	Young ladies and gentlemen.	Sunday nearest the Summer Solstice, June 21st.
4	Palm Sunday.	Boys.	Palm Sunday.
5	Washington.	,,	S. nearest Feb. 22d, W's. Birthday.
5	Laird Collier.	,,	November.
5	Easter.	,,	Easter Sunday.
3	Chapin.	,,	October.
4	Walker.	,,	Second S. in Apr. Mr. W's. death.
6	St. Paul.	,,	Sunday nearest Jan. 25th, the Conversion of St. Paul.
3	St. James.	,,	May Sunday. St. James's Day is May 1st.
10–40	Bible.	Men and women.	(None.)

MARRIAGE LINES.

Pastor.

"LOVE, honor, and obey:"
'Twas in that bad old way,
Brides to their lovers in
Old times were given.

From an album of 8 yrs ago.

The custom, e'en to day,
Has not wholly passed away,
But still our age is some
Steps nearer Heaven.

Nov. 1869

Sewing Circle. Mrs. Wm Hewins!
Mrs. S. W Bush present. & by her Suggestion voted to send some mats &c. to Fair in Louisville Ky. to furnish the new church there.

Monthly Officers Reelected - Mrs. Wiggin chosen V. P.

Pastor = from an album 2 yrs ago written

Miss Eliz. Richardson.

FAIR PLAY.

SARAH.

WHAT shall ryhme with Sarah?
So I ask myself;
Rummaging within for
Thoughts on Poetry's shelf.
For the people say,
Scholars store away
Notions on all subjects in the teeming brain,
Ready with responses to each friendly claim.
But, looking on the rhyming shelf,
I find there no poetic pelf;
And the task comes all the harder,
With an empty mental larder,
To write one's self upon this staring page
Along with loving friends of every age.

What will rhyme with Sarah?
Is the question now
Brings perplexing furrows,
Lengthening o'er my brow.

Were it only "*Sal*,"
That well rhymes with "gal;"
Or, if it were "Sairey,"
That accords with "fairy;"
Yes, and homespun "Sally"
Might be made to tally.

Ah, its coming now!
Vanish, cloudy brow!

The great desert of Sahara
Would no desert be with Sarah;
She would make that sea of sand
Pleasant as the promised land.

Pastor.

FAIR PLAY.

OUR title *might* have been suggested by Charles Reade's story of "Foul Play," which made such a sensation awhile ago, but such was not its origin.

A Fair is play for the lookers-on, but hard work for those who manage behind the scenes; and the laborers in this vineyard might thus vary, to the dear public, the saying of the frogs in the fable to the boys,—"Play for you, but work for us."

Our paper is perhaps the easiest part of the Fair work, and might *so* earn its name.

But "Fair Play" is our motto, because it may be called the motto of our principles, and thus be applied:—

Fair play for every Fair, and a fair division of public patronage.

Fair play for every church, not only before God and the law, where all churches now are equal, but in public esteem and ecclesiastical courtesies.

Fair play for the human race.

Fair play for every part of our nature.

Fair play towards the Creator and Father of us all, and a just rendering of the glory due unto his name, and that obedience which is his reasonable service.

A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE WOMAN QUESTION.

THE right of woman to vote is insisted upon with so much pertinacity and from so many quarters, that it would seem that the question must ere long be formally decided. Learned men, both in this country and abroad, have advocated the claim with eloquence; and it would appear that little remains to be said in its favor, beyond what has already been presented to the public mind. But will the concession of this fancied right prove such a panacea for the social ills under which we are suffering as it is so confidently imagined? We think not; and with your permission, Mr. Editor, will briefly give our reasons therefor.

It is asserted, that without suffrage woman's influence is not felt as it should be. This is a fallacy. The highest and most positive influence comes from personal character; and in the formation of character, political rights, viewed as a motive power, have no place. Would that the gifted of the female sex, who, by voice and pen, are so earnestly advocating woman's right to vote, might, with equal zeal, seek to enlighten the less favored as to the true sources of power; to convince them, that, would they lighten the burdens under which society is groaning, and be instruments in elevating woman, these ends must be accomplished, not by the exercise of new rights, but by such a conscientious use of every means of self-improvement as shall give to their own characters a power which laws can neither impair nor disturb.

A DISCIPLE OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

[Let the reader apply this reasoning to *man* and *his* suffrage as well as to *woman* and her suffrage. Say, brother, will you give up your vote and use only character-influence?] EDITOR.

Pastor

EYES OPEN.

WE all like people who keep their eyes and ears open. Long ago, it was written, "He that hath eyes to see, let him see; and he that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Few of us realize how much it helps a public speaker to look at him, and how much it embarrasses him to do any thing else. You think he does not mind? Indeed he does. Try to talk to anybody who closes the eyes, and see how you like it. Every auditor who does not attend in church, does so much to throw a wet blanket over the preacher and make a poor sermon. He who looks and listens, helps the speaker mightily; and an occasional nod of agreement does no harm.

What difference if the orator is already prepared? Suppose your gun is loaded: does a dash of water on the priming make no difference how it goes off?

Pastor.

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Marriage by Rev. J. W. Booth at South Boston.
Jan. 6 m Oct. 3. 69.
Geo. H. Ellis - Business Agent of Register
Sarah Dale

Wm B. Fowle.
Selected from his MSS.

SHOOTING ROUND THE STUMP.

PARSON SELLTEXT AND FARMER MAKEPENNY.

Parson. Well, Farmer, how did you like the sermon? Did I lay down the law like one who feels the importance of observing the holy Sabbaths, the divine appointments of the Most High?

Farmer. It was bravely done, your Reverence, and St. Paul himself could not have argued the case more clearly. I shall never dare trespass upon holy time again.

P. I hope not. Six days are enough for labor, and He who made the week has a right to at least one day in seven.

F. He shall have it from me, barring my grass is not cut and the rain ready to ruin it.

P. That's a fine stack of hay in your field; and, as mine is used up, I should not be the worse if I had a ton or so of it. But it is not the day to put a question in regard to the price you will expect for a ton.

F. That's just as *I* feel about it. If it had not been the hallowed day it is, I should have told you that hay brought a dollar a hundred in the market last week. I meant to have called yesterday to see about that calf of yours, — you know it is old enough to kill, — but the holy Sabbath comes so close upon Saturday, that I cannot know your price till the morrow or next day, at the soonest.

P. No, Sir: such subjects ill become to-day; but if it was any other day I should say you might have it for the same you paid me for the brindle cow's heifer last spring: but we must not talk about such things now.

F. Surely not, and you a parson, and I officiating since good old Deacon Springtop has been disabled from attending public worship. That is a fine pony of yours, Doctor. If it was not inconsistent with the day, I would ask how old he is; though asking the age of a beast is not buying or selling, which is forbidden, as you told us in the sermon.

P. The pony is a good creature and, for a four-year-old beast, is not to be met with every day. It would be very unbecoming in me to name a price now; but there can be no harm in my saying that a hundred dollars would not buy him after next market day.

F. You are riding home with the animal, and, maybe, would not like to leave him with me at your own terms, seeing the transfer would look a little like trading in holy time.

P. It is a pleasant day, the Lord of the Sabbath be thanked; and I have no objection to walk home and leave the beast with you. The young thing would save three miles of travel, and the Sabbath should be a day of *rest* to both man and *beast*.

F. That is where you are backed by Scripture; and, Doctor, though it is improper to put the question, when we ought to be thinking of the soul and the things that pertain to the Kingdom, yet if your neighbor Snap has more oats than he expects to use before the new crop comes in, I should like to have him know I am out.

P. I'll tell him, if I can do so without doing violence to this sacred day; for one who preaches closely as I do, and contends for a strict observance of holy time, must be an example to his people.

F. Oh yes! and I too, the all-but Deacon, must hold my peace if I wish ever so much to tell Snap that the most I will give him is ten shillings.

P. That's enough for it. Let us keep the commandments; and this we can easily do while we keep a clear conscience and turn neither to the right hand nor the left, when the path of duty is so plain before us. I will put the pony in your barn as I go by.

F. Do so; and I will be back as soon as I tell the Widow Meekly that I saw her boy sell a peach to Tom Wood for a cent between meetings. Oh! what is the world coming to?

P. Sure enough. Those young sinners must be looked after.

A PLEA.

Miss Alona Langley.

REMEMBER the poor,
Who near thee oft dwell;
Give joy to their hearts,
Their sorrows dispel.

Light up their dark hours
With hope and with cheer;
With kind words of love,
In their dwellings appear.

Forget not the aged,
And comfort the lone;
For the seed thou wilt *scatter*
Thus, wisely is *sown*.

Thou wilt gather choice fruit,
And bright blooming flowers,
While a pilgrim on earth
And in heavenly bowers. A FRIEND.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Pastor. Room Club Record Book.

IT is on record that a Sunday school was for the first time established in Medfield, in the summer of 1818, when Dr. Sanders preached on Early Piety. 1 Sam. i: 28. 124 children attended.

It was continued in the summer of 1819, with increased popularity.

Our school is therefore one of the oldest in the country, and its next anniversary, on the first Sunday in October, will complete its fifty-second summer of usefulness.

STOVES.

IN 1826, "two new stoves, with long Russia pipes," were bought; the price, $100, being raised by private subscription. The church had never been warmed before; and the first day of their use, Dec. 24th, was the coldest day of the winter.

Pastor Room Club Record Book.

Sept. 1869.

Funeral. Mrs. Addison Fairbanks
Fues. p.m. Sept. 28. House.
attended by pastor.
Apoplexy & softening of the brain.

Pastor.

A STATEMENT OF LIBERAL CHRISTIAN BELIEF.

I. GOD.—We believe that God, or the Supreme Ruler, by whatever name known, is One, Infinite, Holy, Personal, Indivisible, and Eternal Being, whose moral character is comprehended in the word LOVE, and whose nature combines almighty force, perfect wisdom, unalterable justice, and everlasting mercy; who is by constant, present, creative power, and divine method which we call *Law*, the Author of the Universe; who is the Father of all spirits; whose disposition and requirements are best known to us in Jesus; but whose government is not shared with any being, good or bad.

Ps. cxxxvi: and cxlvii: 5. Isa. xlv: 21, 22. Mark xii: 29, 32. John xvii: 11. Acts xvii: 24–29. Rom. i: 20. 1 Cor. viii: 5, 6. Gal. iii: 20. Eph. iii: 10 and iv: 6. Heb. i: 1–3. James v: 11. 1 John iv: 8. Rev. iv: 8.

II. JESUS THE CHRIST.—We believe that the utterance, message, or word of God, which by his spirit comes to men in all ages, was made flesh in the man Jesus, who lived, died, and rose from the grave, substantially as narrated in the four gospels; that he was the Son of man, or perfect incarnation of the divine will and love; that through suffering and the resurrection, he was manifested as the holiest Son of the Father; that he was and *is* the Anointed, or Christ, of God; that his work is to lead the human race to God in character; that in proportion as men are thus guided, he is, under God, their Saviour, Redeemer, Mediator, and Master, or Lord; that this is still his mission in the other world, and that this work he will pursue till all become, by voluntary choice, holy and acceptable to God.

Isa. lv: 11, and lxiii: 16. Matt. xvi: 20. Luke i: 1–4, 68, and ix: 20. John i: 1–14; x: 11, 16, 27; xii: 32; xvii: 2; xx: 31; xxi: 25. Acts xiii: 23. Rom. i: 4; xiv: 8–12. Gal. iii: 13. Eph. i: 10. Phil. ii: 5–13; iii: 8. 1 Tim. i: 16; ii: 5, 6; and iv: 10. Heb. vii: 25; viii: 6. 2 Peter iii: 18.

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT.—We believe that the Holy Ghost, or Spirit, is the Omnipresent Spirit of God in its relation to humanity; which, through conscience, reason, and other faculties, is collectively warned, illumined, and inspired by God; that his Spirit abides in the individual soul in proportion to the heart's filial attitude and moral development, and permeated the life of Jesus.

Luke xii: 57. John iii: 34; xiv: 15–26; xvi: 8–13.

IV. INSPIRATION.—We believe in that "God-breathing," or Inspiration, which always controls the earnest and open soul; that this inspiration is not confined to the Bible, and does not make the inspired person infallible.

Num. xxiii, and xxiv. Gal. ii: 11. 2 Tim. iii: 16.

V. BIBLE.—We believe that God reveals truth through Nature, Intuition, and Reason, which is of necessity the final appeal for each person; that the Bible contains a Revelation from God which harmonizes with other divine teachings; that the *Old Testament* is a collection of Hebrew traditions, history, law, poetry, theology, and maxims, collected by different men in different periods, and containing more religious truth than any other national, sacred books, and that these writings are specially valuable as throwing light upon the Jews, among whom the Messiah came; that the *New Testament*, containing biographies of Jesus, church history, apostolic letters, and a vision, mainly composed in the first century, but combined in their present form at a later date, is, despite some errors, the highest literary expression of the divine mind known to the world.

John i: 5. Rom. i: 15, 19, and 21; ii: 15. 1 Thess. iv: 17. Luke i: 1, &c. 2 Tim. iii: 15–17. Acts i: 1, &c. 2 Peter iii: 15 and 16.

N.B. Obviously there are, in the Bible, no references to its complete self; because, when the several books were written, the compilation had not been made.

VI. HUMANITY.—We believe that the human race is created in the image of God, though in an imperfect condition; that while individuals retrograde, there is no historic evidence of any fall of man, but that, contrariwise, the course of humanity has been upward, and so will ever be; and that our knowledge of God depends largely upon our knowledge of human nature.

Gen. i: 27. Matt. v: 48, and vii: 11. Acts xvii: 30. Rom. viii: 19, 22, 28–32. Gal. iv: 4.

VII. PREDESTINATION AND FREE WILL.—We believe that God foreknows every thing, compels sin to work the fulfilment of his purposes, and predestines man to conformity to Christ's image; yet that we are free to choose between right and wrong and must abide the consequences.

Ps. lxxvi: 10. Rom. viii: 29. 1 Cor. ii: 7. Phil. ii: 13. 3 John 11.

VIII. SIN AND VIRTUE.—We believe that human beings are born innocent, but soon drift into a sinful violation of the divine order, resulting from the union of imperfection and moral freedom in the same person; that virtue is the opposite of sin, and that both are essentially acts of the soul, and not merely of the body; that good is more prevalent than evil, and no one is totally depraved.

Matt. xix: 14. Luke xv: 21. John i: 9. Rom. v: 20, and vii: 14–23.

IX. REWARD AND PUNISHMENT.—We believe that the consequences of sin and virtue are alike unavoidable, just, merciful, and not confined to this world or the next; that the virtues and sins of *this* life neither deserve, nor will receive, endless reward and punishment; that present conduct affects the character, but decides not the everlasting condition of the soul; that punishment and reward will continue as long as the dispositions and acts which breed them, but that probation continues as long as life, — that is, forever, — and that eventually the disciplinary purpose of retribution will be accomplished.

Matt. v: 18. Luke xvi: 23. John xi: 25. Acts i: 25. Gal. vi: 7. 1 Tim i: 20. 1 Peter iv: 6. Rev. xiv: 13.

X. SCHEME OF REDEMPTION.—We believe that God's scheme of Redemption precedes Redemption from Hell with Redemption from sin, thus differing from all human plans, which seek deliverance from punishment.

1 Tim. ii: 6. Titus ii: 14.

XI. SALVATION.—We believe that Salvation is freedom or safety from sin itself, not from its penalty; that whatsoever is necessary to accomplish this, is essential to salvation; and that universal salvation is the universal attainment of holiness, through whatever needful suffering.

Matt. i: 21. John i: 29. Rom. v. 10; viii: 24; x: 10. Eph. ii: 8. 1 Tim. ii: 4. Titus ii: 11. James ii: 14.

XII. REPENTANCE.—We believe that Repentance involves both sorrow for sin and forsaking it, and that without Repentance there can be no forgiveness.

Matt. iii: 8. Luke xiii: 3. Acts xxvi: 20. 2 Cor. vii: 10.

XIII. CONVERSION.—We believe that every sinner needs to be converted, or turned, from sin to holiness.

Ps. xix: 7. Matt xviii: 3. Acts iii: 19. James v: 20.

XIV. FORGIVENESS.—We believe that God forgives upon true repentance, but that forgiveness removes not the legal results of sin, but the displeasure of God with the sinner's disposition.

Acts xxvi: 18. 1 Cor. iii: 15. Eph. i: 7. Heb. xii: 4–11. 1 John i: 19.

XV. REGENERATION.—We believe that all persons must be born from above, or spiritually, not only because they are *sinful*, but because they are *human*; that as the *body* is designed for maturity, so the *soul* is designed for this higher condition; and that without this attainment, men's nature is incomplete and the kingdom of God not come within us.

John iii: 3–14. Rom. viii: 1, 2.

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Conference. Norfolk met at Canton. Sept. 12, '69.
Rev. Dr. Clarke preached on the "Church the
Body of Christ." Pastor gave the Essay
on "Christian Ways & Means".
20 delegates from 4 Ch & fine Session

XVI. JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH.—We believe that if men strive for goodness, they are justified,—that is, made *really just* or righteous; that faith is the strongest instrumentality in this work; and that Christian faith is neither acceptance of doctrines, nor belief in the Bible, nor trust in an unreal, vicarious substitution of Christ for sinners, but confidence in God.

Mark xi: 22. Rom. iii: 28; v: 1 and 19. Gal. iii: 8.

XVII. ATONEMENT.—We believe that man needs reconciliation to God, not God to man; and that God, in Christ, is accomplishing this At-*one*-ment for the world.

Rom. v: 11. 2 Cor. v: 19. Col. i: 20.

XVIII. IMMORTALITY.—We believe that the soul is by nature Immortal, and will therefore survive this *body;* that hereafter it will be clothed in forms unlike this; that the next state of existence is governed through divine laws, as *this* is; and that therein we shall preserve our identity and retain our moral freedom.

Mark xii: 27. Luke xvi: 19, &c.; xxiii: 43. John i: 51. Acts vii: 59. 1 Cor. xv: 37 and 38. 1 Peter iv: 6. Rev. xix: 10, and xxii: 9.

XIX. RESURRECTION.—We believe that at death the spirit rises immediately into a different sphere; but that more important than this Rising is our Resurrection from unholiness, whether it occurs here or hereafter.

Luke xxiii: 43. John v: 28, and xi: 25, 26. Acts xvii: 32. Eph. ii: 1 Col. iii: 1.

XX. JUDGMENT.—We believe that God, by his truth and law, is evermore our judge; and that the divine judgment is pronounced not only at death, or other special periods, but upon every exercise of moral choice.

Matt. xxv: 31, &c. John viii: 15, 16; xii: 48; xvi: 11. Rom. xiv: 10.

XXI. HEAVEN AND HELL.—We believe that Heaven and Hell are well defined, respectively, as the "Totality of Ascending and Descending Souls;" that these names, religiously apprehended, indicate not localities, but spiritual conditions, which death does not directly affect; and that God never dooms a soul to unalterable happiness or misery.

Matt. vii: 7, &c.; xvi: 18; xviii: 9, and xxiii: 33. John i: 51; iii: 13. Rom. viii: 38 and 39; xi: 23. 2 Cor. v: 2. Phil. iii: 20. James iii: 6. Rev. iii: 8.

XXII. RELIGION.—We believe that Religion consists of piety and morality; that its duties are fully signified in the two great and complete commands, Love God and the Neighbor; and that Christianity is the absolute religion of God, containing elements so primal and eternal that it will never be superseded or outgrown.

Micah vi: 8. Matt. xxii: 38. 1 Cor. iii: 11. Gal. i: 8. 1 Thess. ii: 9. 1 Tim. i: 11.

XXIII. PRAYER.—We believe that Prayer is effectual with God, who, though unchangeable, makes many spiritual blessings dependent upon our asking.

Matt. xxvi: 41. Luke xi: 1.

XXIV. CHURCH.—We believe that the Church, founded by Christ, is the host of Christian believers in all worlds, and that on earth its members should organize for the advancement of Christian truth and life.

Matt. xvi: 18. Acts xv: 41. Rom. xvi: 5. Eph. i: 22. Col. i: 24.

XXV. WORSHIP.—We believe in Public, Solitary, and Family worship; and that, besides solemn services on the Lord's Day, every Church should maintain social religious meetings.

Matt. xiv: 23. Luke iv: 16. Acts xvi: 32; xx: 7. 1 Cor. xiv: 26 and 31.

XXVI. PROFESSION AND SACRAMENTS.—We believe in a profession of religious purpose and allegiance as best for both church and disciple, but that the method is unimportant; that infant or adult water-baptism is a simple, expressive, and time-honored symbol of Christian brotherhood; that the Lord's Supper fitly commemorates Jesus; that these ordinances should not be withheld from any who conscientiously desire them; and that not only these rites, but others, such as marriage, burial, and ordination, are sacraments or means of grace.

Matt. iii: 15; xix: 5 and 14. Mark ix: 40. Luke xxii: 19. John iv: 1 and 2; ii: 1, &c. Acts ii: 41; vi: 6; viii: 2; ix. 36 and 37. Rom. xiv: 6; x: 9 and 10. 1 Cor. i: 17; xi: 28. Titus i: 5.

XXVII. MINISTRY.—We believe that in the Christian Church all disciples rank alike as priests and ministers, but that it is expedient to have separate clergy, whose privileges, however, depend upon the consent of their fellow-worshippers, and their own intellectual and spiritual endowments, and who have no more sacramental authority than other Christians.

Matt. xx: 26. Acts ix: 17 and 18. 1 Cor. iii: 5. 1 Tim. i: 3; iii: 14. 1 Peter ii: 5 and 9. Rev. i: 6, and v: 10.

XXVIII. SUNDAY.—We believe that the Jewish Sabbath, or Saturday, with its laws and customs, is superseded by the Christian Sunday, at first observed as Christ's Resurrection-day, and now used, by common and wise Christian consent, for religious instruction and worship.

Exod. xx: 10. Mark ii: 28. John xx: 1. Rom. xiv: 5 and 6. Col. ii: 16.

SINNERS.—Parson O., a well-known New-England divine, used to tell the following story with evident relish. As was the custom in those days, he had taken into his family a poor lad as "chore boy." It occurred to him, one day, that he ought to interest himself in the lad's spiritual welfare. Acting upon the thought, he at once called him into the study, and with visage solemnly composed, according to the pattern then deemed desirable when religion was the topic, addressed the urchin as follows:—

"Sam, do you know that you are a sinner?"

"Yes," falteringly replied Sam.

"Do you know what will become of you, if you do not repent?"

Receiving no coherent reply, he launched into repentance and redemption, encouraged by the evident impression made by his words, and feeling no small compunction the while, that he had so long neglected a "subject of grace" so promising.

At last a vacant and wandering look roused a sudden suspicion, to verify which he inquired,—

"Sam, what is a sinner?"

Imagine the situation when the "subject of grace" promptly responded,—

"Sinner, sir? Yes, sir; sinners is strings in turkey's legs, sir."

The *sinews* of the parson's face relaxed.

Mrs. Wm. B. Fowle from Parson Oliver,

Henry K. Oliver's father.

HYMN BOOKS.

THE book now used in our church is known as the Cheshire Collection.

In 1831, Greenwood's Collection was introduced.

Previously, Belknap's Collection had been about thirty-five years in use.

Pastor from Ch book.

BUY A COPY OF "FAIR PLAY," if you wish to help this church or the cause, or to know what Unitarianism is, or to send a Fair memorial to a friend, or for any other reason. Any how, buy it.

Pastor.

Death. Mr. Orion Wyllt. died Aug. 28 1869.
Buried Aug. 31. Rev. C. C. Sewall attending. Pastor
absent on a journey & not summoned. [redacted]

OUR CHURCH SERVICES AND WORK.

OUR Sunday school continues from twelve till half past one, and is directed by the pastor, who, besides giving a general lesson to the whole school, conducts a Bible class of adults, open to all. A new tune is taught and a new book added to the library every Sunday.

Regular service, including the customary worship, a responsive psalm chanted, and preaching, at quarter of two.

Vespers are held at special Christian seasons, such as Christmas, Easter, Whitsunday, and All Souls; and occasional lectures are given by the minister and others on Sunday evenings.

In the last century, the communion was irregularly observed, but for fifty years the Lord's Supper has been held once in two months. At present, this service is at a late hour of the afternoon. All who wish to attend, or receive the bread and wine of this sacrament, are welcome to do so. We ask no questions, believing that such a matter is between the soul and its Saviour, and not for our interference.

When Sunday eve is not otherwise occupied, a conference is held in the church, lasting one hour, and conducted either by a minister or some brother. Any person is free to speak and utter his sentiments, subject only to the rules of good order and courtesy.

To all our Sunday services all persons are heartily welcome. Those who attend the church are invited also to the Coterie, which meets from time to time for purposes of recreation, sociability, and charity. The ladies meet in a sewing-circle, once in every week or fortnight, on Thursday, afternoon and evening.

The pastor holds himself in readiness to perform any religious office, such as baptism, marriage, burial, visiting the sick, or to afford any other service within his power, to those who call upon him, whether in Medfield or elsewhere; and is prepared to preach, when home duties permit, in neighboring places where there is no liberal Christian preaching.

PROCRASTINATION.

WHEN you a duty have to do,
With resolution view it,
And never sit and wish 'twere done,
But rise at once and do it.

This life is short; you must not heap
One day's work on another;
Such interference cannot fail
To-morrow's work to bother.

Leave nothing for to-morrow's sun;
To-day's work do to-day;
And let to-morrow's work be done
When *that* shall be to-day.

FAMILY JARS.

Daughter. Mother, we want an outfit new,
To look as other people do.
Mother. 'Tis true, my dear: but then, you know,
Your father says it shan't be so;
He can't afford it.
Daughter. Yes, he can;
And if he was a generous man,
He'd never see himself outdone
By Mrs. Rich, or any one.
But here he comes; now, mother dear,
Do tickle him in his weak ear,
And I will follow up the blow.
Mother. Right gladly to the work I go.

Enter Father.

Father. How is it, wife? How is it, Mary?
They say, when business goes contrary,
The true way is to seek one's home,
And here I am; come, kiss me, come!
Mother. Our home has no great charms for me,
We've nothing fit for one to see.
Our furniture is tarnished all;
So that, when genteel people call,
I'm driven to apologize.
Daughter. Yes, father! if you'd ope your eyes,
And just survey this wretched room,
You'd be ashamed to call it *home.*
Father. The room is well enough, my child;
Your thoughts are running much too wild.
The chairs and tables of a room
Are not what *I* consider home.
The furniture is naught to me
Compared with love and welcome free.
After the labors of the day,
I want to rest.
Mother. Yes, so you say;
But I can never rest, — not I, —
Cooped up in such a wretched sty.
Like other folks I would appear.
Father. And so would I; but then, my dear,
We should be reasonable, nay —
Daughter. Yes, father, so you always say.
I wish that no such thing was known
As *reason:* that is always thrown.
At us when we attempt to be
Respectable.
Mother. Why, only see!
There's Mrs. Rich has all she wants,
And her kind husband never taunts
His wife and children when they try
To make their house look decently.
Father. My dears, I love you both, you know,
And to the utmost point would go
To gratify your wish; but, still,
There is a limit, and I will
Not run in debt for furniture
We do not want. I'm very sure
That all our comfort can require
We have; and, if you more desire,
You are unreasonable —
Mother. Yes,
That's just your way; but I'll not press
My poor request. Come, Mary, we,
Who only know our misery,
Will dig and delve while he looks on.
Daughter. No, mother; I shall not, for one,
Endure it long. *You* have a cough,
That, soon or late, will take you off;
And my poor lungs, that hardly I
Have kept from bleeding, soon will lie
Where I no furniture shall need.
Mother. Dear child, my heart begins to bleed
To think that while you tarry here

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You can't be comfortable, dear.
Your father does not care a feather;
But we will toil and die together,
And let him live in this old hole.
Father. Now, wife and daughter, on my soul,
I wish to do whate'er is right:
But 'tis not clear to my mind, quite,
That chairs and tables are a cure
For coughs and bleeding lungs; and sure
'Tis strange that you are never ailing
But when the furniture is failing.
Ten years ago you coughed and bled,
And vowed that you should soon be dead;
But a new sofa, and so forth,
In less than no time cured you both.
Mother. Do you hear, Mary? you and I
Are charged with rank hypocrisy.
Daughter. I hear it, mother; he's a brute,
Thus to abuse our love. I'm mute,
And will not say another word
About the furniture.
Mother. Afford?
If should I die, I'd bet my life,
At once he'd take another wife;
And then nought would be good enough.
He'd find the means to buy the stuff.
But, cough or no cough, right is right;
I'll live till fourscore out of spite.

OUR CREED.

IT is commonly said, that Unitarians have no creed; and, as a denomination, we have not, cherishing too sacred a regard for truth to make a *partial* statement of faith bind a whole body of Christians; and therein we are not alone. But creed comes from *credo*, I believe; and what each believes is *his* creed. We print a statement of belief. It embodies those things most commonly believed among us, and taught in our Medfield Church; but it is not perfectly satisfactory to its writer, and probably every liberal Christian who reads it will wish something amended. Before all we maintain the right of private judgment.

In illustrating from the Scriptures, we should be obliged, in order to do justice both to our ideas and the Bible, to cite the *whole* New Testament and *much* of the Old; but we refer only to a few passages, and these may not always seem best chosen for the purpose. Our statement is only a suggestion, not a finality. So receive it.

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Prof. The magician performed. in the Vestry
Harrington. before a Crowd.
Ices sold. & articles.

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Cleared — probably 400.

COMICAL BROWN gave one of his popular conecrts at Cnrtis Hall Thursday, May 19th. The house was crowded to overflowing. Mrs. Netty Kimball sang several good ballads. Mr. Brown gave his nsnal assortment of funny songs and recitations, and contorted his face in the way those who have seen him know so well. It is not strange that pnblic performers give entertainments that take, and therefore pay; bnt the pnblic taste is susceptible of improvement. Every village has young ladies who sing better than those we pay to hear at travelling concerts, and in snch exhibitions the query must arise, Can there be no popnlar, mirth-provoking mnsic, without a taint of vulgarity, and the constant dragging in of rnm and babies as the staple comic topics?

ALMOST A FIRE.—The pan of drippings in the gas bnilding at Hale's straw shop canght fire Wednesday, May 18. That the fire was speedily extingnished and great damage escaped, is owing largely to the exertions of Benj. R. Babcock, who was on the spot. Others hurried to the scene, and the alarm was of short dnration.

LEAVITT'S SWISS BELL RINGERS, right from the Green Mountain State, gave a concert on Saturday evening, the 11th, and a very good concert it was, refreshingly good in the dreary waste of travelling entertainments. Curtis Hall was deservedly crowded. "Comical" Master Ed. Beedle was mildly funny withont being vnlgar. W. G. Bagley's bass voice astonished his hearers. Mrs. Beedle displayed her contralto to advantage in several ballads which she rendered expressively. Owing to the heat of the hall, Mr. Leavitt acted as a snbstitnte for the ladies in one or two pieces, and to fair pnrpose, though it is a bit *malapropos* for a mature gentleman, "bearded like the Pard" to warble "Pnt me in my little bed." The quartettes and quintettes, both vocal and instrnmental, were good. The bells also were well played, but not so frequently as the audience desired, the tintinnabnlatory pieces being "like angels' visits, few and far between." Is it a new argnment on the woman question that Mrs. Leavitt is unquestionably, the best bell player in the company? This tronpe purposes a promenade concert in Curtis grove a few weeks hence, and it will doubtless be worthy of the public patronage.

SHERBORN.

THE WOODEN WEDDING of Rev. Wm. Brown and Coralla, his wife, was celebrated both by his parish and the Oliver Everett Lodge, of Good Templars, at the Town Hall, Wednesday evening, June 15. The choir sang. Rev. J. H. Wiggin of Medfield, prayed. The choir sang again, and then the same gentleman addressed to the favored couple, sitting before the table of gifts, a humnros sermon in four divisions. The first division had sundry snbdivisions, chiefly wooden. Part second embraced a speech by Miss Mattie J. Daniels, accompanying the presentation of a fine chromo, from the Templars, who meanwhile formed their circle of unity. The third Division of the *preaching* was the *practice*, by Dr. Dennett, who presented Mrs. Brown with a well-lined pocket book. Last, bnt not least, a handy melodeon was pnshed aside and disclosed the "Flour of the Family," and with the wish that like the widow's cruise it might never be empty, the sermon closed and was followed by a collation and congratulations, and soon after the meeting broke up. A faithful worker was fittingly remembered, and the occasion will not soon pass from the minds of those who were present. The following verses were written for the occasion by Rev. C. C. Sewall, of Medfield:

Grateful your presence, Friends, to-night;
Sweet memories it awakes;
Our cherished faith it turns to sight;
Our hops it brighter makes.

As *erst* we were, you find us *now*—
A loving happy pair:
The years that seal our nuptial vow,
This testimony bear.

To know that friends will round us stand,
In whom we can confide,
If troubles press on every hand,
In years as yet untried.

This kindness in our hearts a joy
No words can ever tell;
Visions of good without alloy,
That every fear dispel.

God bless you, then, kind friend and dear,
And make *your* way as bright
With memories glad of love sincere
As *ours* is made to-night.

NORFOLK.

Liberal religions services were held in the lower hall of the old church, Snnday evening, the 26th Jnne. Rev. James H. Wiggin of Medfield, preached on the "True Christian Salvation, and the Faith in Jesus which leads to it." Text: 2, Timothy iii. 15. "The holy scriptnres which are able to make us wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus." The leading idea was that salvation is from *sin*, and not from its *results*. A good audience was present. The singing, from the Unitarian hymn and tnne slips, was so gloriously inspiring, the speaker asked the congregation to sing more than the cnstomary number of times. After the sermon, Unitarian tracts and statements of faith were distributed, and a collection taken. Mr. Wiggin was invited to repeat the service as soon as convenient.

WALPOLE.

The Norfolk and Middlesex South Association of Unitarian clergymen met with Rev. Wm. B. Smith on Tuesday, Jnne 21st. The moderator, Rev. C. C. Sewall, occupied the chair and offered prayer. Mr. Smith read a suggestive sermon on the "Priesthood of Christ after the order of Melchizedek." The meeting was a very happy one.

Memorial Day. Sat. p. m. May ~~30~~ 29. a Service was held at the Baptist Chh & after hymn, prayer & short addresses by the three ministers of the town, a procession marched to the Cemetery & decorated the graves of the Soldiers; the pastors laying their flowers upon the Revolutionary grave. Music by the Mfd Cornet Band.

Death. Col. Obed Allen. formerly an active citizen & parishioner, who since the Chh was remodelled 20 yrs ago, has not been much with us, died of Heart Disease, June 5. 1869. & was buried from his house. Mon. 10 a.m. June 7. (69. the pastor officiating. Age. 87.

Col. Allen

Marriage. Geo. D. Maynard & Jennie Estey. by pastor Easton. June 17. 1869.

" Sat. Eve. Aug. 7. at home.
Wm Ellis of West Dedham
& Anna M. Hurd of Dedham.

Death. Hon. Aug. 8. Mrs. Ann Augusta (Morse) wife of Joseph Clarke.
Buried Aug. 11 from the home.

Music. Thur. Aug. 12. A few children met with pastor & organist in Chh to rehearse the Te Deum.